

There May Be Cheaper Furs but the Furs at Fred. T. Ward's are RELIABLE FURS

sold on their merits, and the reputation we have gained of selling the Best Furs in Town. To purchase a poor Fur article because it is cheap is extravagance in the end. To purchase a good, reliable Fur article at a moderate price is economy. You can get the Economic Brand here in JACKETS, COATS, RUFFS, BOAS, CAPERINES, CAPES, CAPS, FUR LINED CAPES, GAUNTLETS, ROBES or anything good in the Fur Line.

OVERCOATS and RAGLANS—We have the dressy kind here. The Coats that gives you the swell appearance for \$7.50 to \$18.00.

SELLING READY-TO-WEAR CLOTHING.—We are doing a good share of it now. The right styles, the right make and the right price is here. We have the \$3.50 and \$4.00 Suits, but we would rather sell you something better. See our \$6.50 and \$7.00 Double-Breasted Wear-proof Suits.

What about a CAP?

FRED. T. WARD,
YOUR TAILOR, FURNISHER & FURRIER.

GET IN THE HABIT of Calling at C. F. STICKLE'S

for your UNDERWEAR. The largest assortment and best value ever offered in Stirling. Here are a few of our specials:—

- Men's Heavy Wool Shirts and Drawers were \$1.00 for 50c.
- Men's Extra Heavy Wool Fleece Shirts and Drawers were 60c. for 45c.
- Men's Heavy Wool and Fleece Lined Top Shirts, 75c.
- Boys' Top Shirts, 50c.
- Ladies' Fleece Lined Vests and Drawers, 25, 35, 45 and 50c.
- Ladies' All Wool Vests and Drawers, guaranteed unshrinkable, \$1.50 and \$2.00 per suit.
- Children's Vests and Drawers, all sizes, price from 20c. to \$1.00 suit.
- Wool Hose, extra value, 2 by 1 rib, all sizes, 10c. to 25c.
- Fine Wool Hose, plain, 25c. Extra Heavy Wool Hose, sizes 6 to 9, 40c. to 50c. See our special line at 25c.
- Children's Fine Wool Hose, cream, black and cardinal, silk toe and heel, 25c.
- Men's Heavy Wool Socks, 2 pairs for 25c.
- Men's Extra Heavy Wool Socks, 20c. and 25c. pair.
- Double Socks, very heavy, special for 35c. pair.
- Ladies' Flannellette Night Dresses, 50, 65, 75, 90c. to \$1.35.
- Call and see our Christmas Fancy Goods.

Bring in your Chickens, Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 8th and 9th. Do not draw but pick dry and leave on wing and tail feathers.

☞ No White Butter bought.

C. F. STICKLE.

BARGAINS IN Dinner Sets.

All our DINNER SETS are now opened up and they are a fine lot. Sets from \$10.00 up.

Also a fine assortment of 6 and 10 piece BEDROOM SETS from \$2.50 up to \$5.00. These goods have to be seen before you can really appreciate them. Grand value.

CHINA.

The largest assortment, best quality and the lowest price ever offered in Stirling. A look will convince anyone.

Come and see tons of Crockery and China displayed.

JOHN SHAW.

THE NEWS-ARGUS

TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS,

To 1st of Jan. 1905, for \$1.00.

Your Opportunity

Never was better than now for seeing the grandest display of Furs ever shown in Campbellford.

Our Fur Emporium

Is filled with all the latest styles of JACKETS, COATS, CAPERINES, RUFFS, MUFFS, CAPS, ROBES, etc., in Persian Lamb, Grey Lamb Electric Seal, Bokharen and Astrachan, Columbian Coon, Wallaby, Bulgarian Lamb, Siberian Buffalo, and all other kinds.

Our HARNES and VEHICLES command your attention.

☞ Come and see us.

J. E. DIAMOND,
CAMPBELLFORD.

FARM FOR SALE.

Being East half of Lot 13, in the 5th Con. of Thurlow, containing one hundred acres. Seventy-five acres cleared and in a good state of cultivation. A good sap bush on remainder. Good frame house. Barn 88 x 30. Large orchard. Terms easy. For further particulars apply on the premises, or by mail to Corbyville, P.O.

JAMES BOLDRICK.

Fire, Accident & Plate Glass Insurance.

Guardian Fire Insurance Co.
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W. S. MARTIN.

Insurance Agent, STIRLING.

News-Argus to Jan. 1, '05, \$1.

Stirling Public School.

Honor Roll for November.

Names are arranged in order of merit.

FOURTH DEPARTMENT.

Sr. IV.—Clifford Lansing, Duncan Montgomery.

Jr. IV.—Ella Brown, Charlotte Tulloch, Geo. Ingham, Mary Ingham, Lena Mitchell.

Sr. III.—Herbert Ward, May Kennedy, Irwin Boldrick, Hazel Reynolds, Wm. Graine.

THIRD DEPARTMENT.

Jr. III.—Hazel Hagerman and Alfred Livingstone, May Saries, Violet Utman, Blanche Montgomery, Amanda Boldrick.

Sr. II.—Hazel Caverley, Harry Smith, James Hough, Ernest Ward, Maud Haggerty.

SECOND DEPARTMENT.

Jr. II.—Edna Girdwood, Evelyn McCutcheon, Robert Thompson, Jean Milne, Leo Maloney.

Sr. Pr. II.—Arthur Parry, James Graine, May Chard.

Jr. Pr. I.—Marjorie Meiklejohn, Raymond Chambers, Arthur Sager, Florence Osterhout, Edith Hagerman.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Sr. Pr. I.—George Smith, Gordon Sine, Wilnot Bailey, George Gould, Vincent Maloney.

Jr. Pr. I.—Clarke Boldrick, Lyman Godfrey, Gladys Moore, Wilfrid Chard, Walter Young.

PRIMARY—Lenna Parry, Kathleen Maloney, Lorne Sharp, Clifford Hutton, Lulu Gay.

Aggregate attendance for the month, 2717; average attendance 129.88. Number of pupils on registers, 157. Number who came every day, 44.

Visits made by ministers, (1), Rev. J. H. H. Coleman.

Visits made by Inspector, (1), on Nov. 12th and 13th. Mr. Mackintosh, the friends of the boys and girls, as well as the teachers, gave the school a half holiday on the 13th.

Visits by trustees, Mr. Doak, Mr. Jas. Boldrick, and Mr. Vandervoort, on business.

Other visitors, Mrs. Eggleton, Mrs. Maloney, Miss Gravely, Mrs. Gallagher, Sr., Mrs. Gallagher, Jr., Miss May Currie, Mr. Green, Mr. Minchin, Sr., and Corporal Minchin, of the recent South African war. Mr. Minchin gave a graphic and thrilling account of his experiences in that war.

During the month we were called to suffer the loss of another friend of the school, Mr. John S. Black, late secretary of the Board of Education. He was highly esteemed by pupils and teachers.

Through the courtesy of Mr. E. Gus. Porter, M. P., the school is the recipient of a new map of the Dominion, 1903 issued under the direction of Hon. Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior, from the latest information furnished by James White, F. R. G. S. Geographer, Department of the Interior.

Visits by the medical practitioners of the town, (1), viz., Dr. H. H. Alger, who, on Nov. 30th, a.m., delivered a lecture on "First aids to the injured," which was greatly appreciated by pupils and teachers. The doctor was assisted by Masters Willie Bean, Fred Hulin, and Arthur Fletcher. He treated among other things, bleeding, wounds, broken limbs, drowning, and transportation of the sick. The speaker, with the aid of the boys, illustrated each step in a practical manner, showing especially how to bandage wounds, fractures, etc.

Dr. Faulner and Dr. Bissonnette have signified their intention of visit-

ing the school, and of delivering lectures pertaining to the course in physiology and hygiene, as prescribed in the programme of studies for Public Schools. We hope that the other doctors of the town, when convenient, will do likewise.

We tender our thanks to the Board of Education for models for drawing, also for a terrestrial globe; for having our furnace pipes cleaned, outside windows put on, etc., and for acting promptly on the Inspector's and teachers' suggestion in closing the closing the cold air registers in the II. Dept.

Visitors are welcome.

F. H. STINSON, Principal
M. K. LAMLEY, III Dept
E. A. HAWKEN, II Dept
A. C. ROBINSON, Primary Teachers.

County and District Items.

The Central Ontario Plowmen's Association intend holding an Oyster Supper and entertainment at Menie, on New Year's Eve., Dec. 31st.

Wm. Farnham, of Belleville, Solicitor and Notary Public, has taken up his residence in Bancroft, and opened an office for the practice of his profession.

The Norwood Woolen Mills, owned by Mr. Jas. Cummings, were destroyed by fire on Friday evening, Nov. 20th. The loss is estimated at \$8,000, insurance \$2,000.

The Epworth Leagues of the Campbellford and Brighton districts have united in the support of Dr. Lawford in his work among the Galicians.

Madoc Review.—Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Miller and family, and Mr. John Dale left Madoc on Friday last for Edmonton, N. W. T., where they will in future reside.

Mrs. Ford, wife of Dr. S. P. Ford, of Norwood, died on Tuesday, Nov. 24th. Death was caused by an attack of paralysis, which came on the evening previous. She was 62 years of age.

Madoc township electors will vote on a by-law to abolish statute labor, at the municipal election in January next. If carried, a fee of 75 cents per day in lieu thereof will be paid into the township treasury.

Luke Sharpe, a farmer, about 30 years old, living ten miles from Napanee, was drowned in Hay Bay Friday morning while taking out fish nets. The bay had frozen over, but the ice was unsafe.

Havelock is to be lighted by electricity, the council agreeing to take ten arc lights at sixty-five dollars per year each, for a period of eight years, the Electric Light Company to light the Town Hall for five dollars per year.

There is a swamp elm on the farm of Mr. Patrick Fallon, about two miles west of Norwood, which measures 23 1/2 feet in circumference, four feet from the ground. The tree is as straight as a rule, and it is in the neighborhood of 60 feet to the first limbs.

The Bancroft Reporter says—"Correspondence between F. Mullett, President of the Bancroft Fair, and the Minister of Agriculture is likely to result in a grant of \$240 on condition that the association go on with the expenditure of \$1000 on the grounds, and make the prizes for thoroughbred stock large enough to be an inducement to farmers to improve their herds."

Campbellford Herald: Wells are getting low by the long-continued dry period, and fears are entertained of an approach to a water famine in the near future unless there comes a number of heavy rains. We are told that the water in the back lakes is from five to eight feet lower than usual, and there is a corresponding fall in all the rivers, creeks, and streams. If there is not a heavy rainfall to replenish the swamps and water courses, lumbering operations during the winter and spring will be very much retarded. The water everywhere in the back country is lower than it has been for many years.

Winter Footwear.

Our stock is large and well assorted. We can supply you with anything you need in Footwear at reasonable prices.

Ladies' Felt Slippers, for trimming; Men's Fancy Slippers. For Xmas nothing makes a more suitable present than a pair of Slippers.

Ladies' and Misses' Overgaiters; Ladies' Fine Kid Boots, button and lace, \$1.00 to \$4.00.

Men's Snag-proof Rubbers, \$1.50 to \$3.00; Boys' Snag-proof Rubbers. We guarantee these goods not to puncture. They are the best goods in the market.

Men's Long Felt Boots, Men's and Boys' Oil Tanned Moccasins.

See our Lightning Hitch Hockey Bal. Another lot expected in this week. Our sales have been double in this season already.

BOOTS MADE TO ORDER.—Nothing but best material used. First-class workmen employed. Repairing done neatly. Charges reasonable.

Remember we sew all rips in boots bought from us.

All kinds of SHOE POLISH kept in stock.

☞ Eggs, and Wood wanted.

J. W. BROWN,

RELIABLE BOOT & SHOE MERCHANT.

The Sovereign Bank

OF CANADA.

(Incorporated by Act of Parliament.)

Capital Authorized - - - \$2,000,000.

Capital Paid Up - - - 1,300,000.

Reserve Fund - - - 325,000.

HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO.

D. M. STEWART,

General Manager.

Special Attention given to Business with Farmers. Advances made at reasonable rates.

SAVINGS BANK DEPARTMENT.

We accept deposits of One Dollar and upwards and allow interest from day of deposit. Absolute security.

A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS CONDUCTED.

STIRLING AND MARMORA.

W. M. CHANDLER, Manager.

Santa Claus



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"Sterling Hall."

Santa Claus has chosen "Sterling Hall" for his headquarters this year and is already moving in a full assortment of Holiday Goods. These include almost every dress requisite for Man, Woman and Child, as well as a generous assortment of Novelties in Toys, Games, Albums, Fancy China, Glass, etc. Fuller particulars of these later, but in the meantime a little attention to the following list of extra good values will save you money.

RIBBONS.—Satin Duchesse Neck Ribbons, in all leading shades, regular price, 20c. yd., special offering, 1 1/2 yds. for 20c.

HANDKERCHIEFS.—A very complete assortment just in for the Xmas trade, comprising Swiss, French and Irish makes in Cambric, Pure Linen and Silk, lace trimmed, hemstitched, embroidered, prices from 6 for 25c. to \$1. ea.

LACES.—Our Yak and Cluny Laces and insertions to match have an interest for those requiring the newest effects and best value in this line, prices 10c. to 35c. yd.

BRILLIANT CROCHET COTTON.—Don't put up with inferior makes when you can buy Clark's Brilliant here, in all colors, at 5c. spool.

WRAPPERETTES.—We have just received another bargain in Wrapperettes, dainty colorings and designs in American Tyrol Fleece, 15c. yd. goods, selling for 10c. yd.

FLANNELLETTE REMNANTS, in dark and light effects, clearing at 5c. yd. worth 7c.

OUR FUR LINE

is a strong line and will worthily support your confidence. If interested in Furs of any description you will find our qualities second to none offered and our prices the lowest.

25 Ladies' Jackets in Wool Seal, Astrachan, Bokharen and Russian Lamb still to offer at \$25 to \$50.

20 Men's Coats, in Russian Dog, Calf, Kangaroo, Bulgarian and Coon, prices \$15.00 to \$60.00.

Underpriced Underwear.

The success attending our sale of 20 dozen 50c. Wool Fleece Shirts and Drawers at 39c. encourages us to offer another bargain, not quite so heavy a garment but at a lighter price.

Here goes 20 dozen Fleece Lined Shirts and Drawers, all sizes, regular 40c. for 32c. garment.

OVERCOATS.

No frills on our Overcoat prices at any time, but we offer 200 Overcoats, all sizes, in best makes, new goods, prices \$4.00 to \$15.00 less a December discount of 10 per cent.

We have large stocks and good values in the following seasonable lines:—

Heavy, extra long, Winter KNICKERS for Boys.

SWEATERS, in all sizes; CARDIGAN JACKETS.

GAUNTLETS, GLOVES and MITTS, RUGS and ROBES.

MACINAW SOX and RUBBERS.

GROCERIES.

Buy your Xmas Groceries early and avoid the later rush and crush. "Sterling Hall" qualities are the best and prices the most reasonable.

3 lbs. Selected Valencia Raisins, 25c. New Grenoble Walnuts, 25c. lb.

3 lbs. Best Cleaned Currants, 25c. Mixed Peels, 20c. lb.

4 lbs. New Figs, 25c. 25c. Tea, the Best Tea, 25c. lb.

W. R. MATHER,

Direct Importer of Staple and Fancy Dry Goods.

Tuesday, Dec. 1st was Queen Alexandra's birthday. Her Majesty was born Dec. 1st, 1844.

A Chicago restaurant-keeper shot and killed a man who was short five cents of the amount demanded in payment for a meal.

Tenders Wanted.

Tenders will be received for the erection of a Brick School House for S. No. 13 in the Township of Rawdon, until Dec. 21st, A.D. 1903. Plans and specifications may be seen at the residence of G. A. Snarr, at Harold. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

G. A. SNARR, Sec.-Treas.

S. S. No. 13, Harold.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the Officers and members of Stirling Lodge, No. 230, I.O.O.F.

I desire to express my sincere thanks for the prompt payment of the Two Thousand Dollars which my late husband, G. L. Scott, carried in your order.

I also thank the members of the order for their kindness to me in my sad affliction. My earnest wish is that your noble order may ever prosper, and be a blessing to those in need.

Yours sincerely,

CHARLOTTE A. SCOTT.

Stirling, Dec. 2nd, 1903.

Come Here

—FOR YOUR—

Xmas Fruits,

which are now in stock. We call attention to our exhibit of

VALENCIA RAISINS,

CALIFORNIA RAISINS,

SEEDED RAISINS,

CLEANED CURRANTS, in bulk,

" " in lb. pkg.

CANDIED PEELS,

DATES, FIGS, etc.

CROCKS.—We have just opened

a package of Stone Butter Crock, in

all the different sizes.

Maple Syrup and Sugar for sale.

S. HOLDEN.

THURSDAY, DEC. 3, 1903.

What Harm.

"What possible harm can there be in a quiet, social game of cards?" A reformed gambler answers the question as follows:

"Perhaps you never thought of it, but where do all the gamblers come from? They are not taught in the gambling dens. A 'greener,' unless he is a fool, never enters a gambling hell, because he knows he will be fleeced out of everything he possesses in less than fifteen minutes.

"He has learned somewhere else before he sets foot inside of such a place. When he has played in the parlor, in the social game of the home, and has become proficient enough to win prizes among his friends, the next step with him is to seek out the gambling-room, for he has learned, and counts upon his efficiency to hold his own.

"The saloon men and gamblers chuckle and smile when they read in the papers of the parlor games given by the ladies, for they know that after a while these same men will become patrons of their business.

"I say, then, the parlor game is the college where gamblers are made, and educated. In the name of God, men, stop this business in your homes."

A Peculiar Joke.

Some persons have a perverted sense of humor, a faculty that causes annoyance to everyone around them. A case in point occurred this week. A lady in town had occasion to leave her house one afternoon for half or three-quarters of an hour. When she returned she found that some person had entered in her absence. The kitchen stove was filled full of dry pine wood which had been allowed to ignite, and then all the drafts turned off, filling the room with smoke. In the dining room all the dampers were opened so that the pipes were red hot almost to the ceiling. When she left the house everything was properly fixed so that there was no danger from fire. Had a conflagration occurred from this freakish trick played there would have been one of those mysterious fires no one can account for. —Deseronto Tribune.

Blackleg has broken out among cattle in Kingston district.

The bye-election in North Renfrew will be held December 26th.

Heavy snowstorms and gales are prevalent in Great Britain and on the continent of Europe.

A cut of 10 per cent. in the wages of 32,000 cotton operatives went into effect in New England on Monday morning.

Dowie, the self-styled Elijah III., is bankrupt, and his Zion City properties have been taken over by Federal receivers.

To mark her birthday the Queen gave a tea at Sandringham to all the children on the Royal estate, personally supervising the wants of her guests.

The International Harvester Company has decided to dismiss 7,500 of its 19,000 employees. The Canadian shops at Hamilton are not affected.

Mr. John King, a deaf mute of Myrtle, who was shortly to have been married to a Toronto lady, was killed by a C. P. R. train on Sunday.

Vancouver City Council passed a resolution urging the Dominion and Provincial Governments to take action looking to the construction of an all-Canadian railway to the Yukon.

A deputation of about twenty representatives from the municipalities along the line of the G. T. R., from Campbellford to Whitney, had a conference with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, President of the C. P. R., at Montreal, relative to connection with that line.

Voting on the proposal to unite the municipalities of Peterboro and Ashburham was held in both places on Nov. 20th, and in each a majority of votes were cast for the union, which will consequently take place on January 1st, 1904. The total population of the united municipalities will be 18,588, making Peterboro rank next to Kingston and Brantford in the list of Ontario cities.

The Quarterly Official Board of the Methodist Church, Campbellford, have invited the Rev. Geo. H. Copeland, of Port Perry, to be their pastor; and the Port Perry Methodist Church has invited Rev. B. Greatrix, of Campbellford, to become their pastor. Both have accepted. It is confirmed by the Stationing Committee of Conference. The exchange will take place at the commencement of the next conference year, June, 1904.

Man's Love.

[Love begins at the age of three years, declares a modern philosopher.]

Man falls in love at age of three. That's when he loves his nurse; But as he grows older he grows mostly worse and worse.

At one stage of his earthly life, Before he gets it pat, He sometimes somehow loves his wife, But he gets over that.

And as he older, wiser grows, And lays up stores of pelf, The wretch, as every woman knows, Loves no one but himself.

To Find Out Your Future Husband.

At bedtime, having fasted since noon, two girls who wish to obtain a sight of their future husbands boil an egg, which must be the first egg ever laid by the hen, in a pan in which no egg has ever been boiled before. Having boiled it until it is hard, they cut it in two with something that has never been used as a knife before. Each girl eats her half and the shell to the last fragment, speaking no word the while. Then, still in silence, they walk backward to bed "to sleep, perchance to dream."

THE HOME IN FRANCE.

It is Mainly an Adjunct to Life on the Outside.

The father and mother in Paris eat at home when they do not eat out, but absolutely no informal social intercourse invades the apartment, which is more than anything else a sort of factory in which is produced whatever the family needs for life outside. A vast amount of sewing is done here. French girls of even wealthy parents, after they finish school, attend courses of dressmaking and millinery and to a great extent the industry which turns out the French woman as a model of good dressing, to be followed by the world, is carried on by the women of the family in what would be the home if the French knew the meaning of the word.

A reception day is rigorously kept, and much entertaining of dinner and dejeuner may be done, but always of a formal character. A person having the penetrating qualities of a book agent might venture to try "dropping in" on a French woman on a day when she is not regularly receiving, but in the natural course of ordinary social experience in Paris this would never happen, says Flora McDonald Thompson in Harper's Bazar.

Such order of living readily permits great economy. One has not to waste time, good clothes or house room in daily preparation for the unexpected guest. Six days of the week a French woman may run her sewing machine in the middle of her salon if she likes, secure from the interruption of chance callers. It is said that the chief function of the petit salon of a Paris apartment is to provide storage room for ball gowns which on reception days are taken down from the chandelier and locked up in a bedroom till the guests have departed.

WEDDING PRESENTS.

Some Hints About How and What and When to Send.

It is a golden rule to send your wedding gift in good time, the first to arrive being much more appreciated than that which is one of the many pouring in from all quarters during the last week.

By adhering to this rule you are also saved the annoyance of hearing that the saltcellars are charming, the third set already received.

A month before the wedding day is not too early to send the present, which should be accompanied by a visiting card, to be placed on the gift when displayed among the others.

The package should be addressed to the bride if you are intimate with both the happy couple, and to the bride's house, addressed to the bridegroom, if it is he with whom you are best acquainted.

Most people wish to give something novel, useful and pretty. The future circumstances of the happy couple should influence the choice.

If they are going abroad, do not give anything unsuitable to the requirements of the climate or so cumbersome that packing and conveying it to its destination will amount to half the value of the present.

If the recipients will not be particularly well off, it is only kind to select some useful present. In these days, when artistic taste is shown in all the necessities of life, this should not be difficult.

If the happy couple are likely to receive many presents, it is safe to give something which will not be amiss if received in duplicate, such as silver sweetmeat baskets for the dinner table or a set of afternoon teaspoons or a bronze or china ornament.

The Saliva.

The poisons of some of the common and also some of the most loathsome diseases are frequently contained in the mouth. In such case anything that is moistened by the saliva of the infected person may, if it touches the lips of another, convey disease. The more direct the contact the greater the danger. It is believed that much can be done to prevent contagion by teaching habits of cleanliness. But if such instruction is to be effectual it must be continuous. The teacher in the public school should notice and correct violations of these rules as habitually as violations of the more formal school rules are corrected.

Enough Said.

Two Boston ladies strolling along a road just outside of the borough came upon the first milestone. On it was written, "1 m. from Boston." Having never ventured so far from their native place before, they mistook the stone for a sepulchral monument. "How touching!" they exclaimed. "How simple! How human! 'I'm from Boston.' What more needed to be said? So the dead speak!"

The Ambitious Climber.

The Guide—Well, here we are on the peak at last.

The Tourist—Oh, guide, do you mean to say we can get no higher? Don't say that! I can ascend no further.

The Guide—Well, you can climb up this alpenstock if you want to. It's seven feet long.

Her Preference in Games.

"Does your daughter play Mozart?" Inquired the young man with gold glasses.

"I think she does," answered Mrs. Cumrox affably. "But I think she prefers whist."

As Most Cats Get Them.

Elsie—I don't believe that story about "Puss in Boots." How could a cat have seven league boots?

Robbie—Maybe a giant threw 'em at him one night.

It is better to live rich than to die rich.—Johnson.

WORKING OFF A GROUCH.

The Operations of a Curious Phase of Human Nature.

John was grouchy and cross and found fault with his dinner. His wife surveyed him calmly.

"I know there is some reason for your—you—what shall I call it? Well, for your unhappy frame of mind," she said. "Probably things have gone wrong at the office, but why should you come home to work off your anger on me? I'm not to blame in the slightest. It's a curious trait of human nature that when one has been whipped he at once wants to turn around and whip somebody else."

"I suppose that trait was left out of your nature," remarked John sarcastically.

"No, indeed," replied his wife. "When things go wrong in the kitchen I am rather inclined to scold the children. If you reprimand me for extravagance, my impulse is to fuss with the first person I meet. If I have been out calling and return home late to dinner, I feel very much inclined to rate you for coming home so early. I've watched this same trait in the children. When I scold Alice, she always finds occasion to shake Maud on the sly. If you spank Jim, he generally goes out and makes faces at the little girl across the way. If the children come home from school saying 'teacher was awful cross today,' I jump to the conclusion that the principal had been criticising the teacher. If you tell me I'm not economical, I know you have just suffered from a slump in the stock market, and I suppose after you and I have had a little heated discussion you go down to the office and make things unpleasant for the clerks."

"To be frank with you, Mary," said John, "I do not often find you guilty of working off a grouch on me. Tell me what you do instead."

Mary smiled demurely. "I wait until you go out of the house; then I run for my room, lock the door, thrust myself on the couch, burrow my head in the pillow and have a good cry."

HEALTH'S DECALOGUE.

1. Rise early, retire early and fill your day with work.
2. Water and bread maintain life; pure air and sunshine are indispensable to health.
3. Frugality and sobriety form the best elixir of longevity.
4. Cleanliness prevents rust; the best cared for machines last the longest.
5. Enough sleep repairs waste and strengthens; too much sleep softens and enfeebles.
6. To be sensibly dressed is to give freedom to one's movements and enough warmth to be protected from sudden changes of temperature.
7. A clean and cheerful house makes a happy home.
8. The mind is refreshed and invigorated by distractions and amusement, but abuse of them leads to dissipation and dissipation to vice.
9. Cheerfulness makes love of life, and love of life is half of health. On the contrary, sadness and discouragement hasten old age.
10. Do you gain your living by your intellect? Then do not allow your arms and legs to grow stiff. Do you earn your bread by your pickaxe? Do not forget to cultivate your mind and to enlarge your thought.

Useful Wood Lore.

If you are lost in the woods sit down the moment you realize it and think it over. If you start off at random you will be sure to walk in a circle. None but the most experienced woodsmen can keep a straight course, and even they go in a circle when they get really lost.

If you know the direction of camp tie some strip of white rag to a tree and then start off. You can find the compass points by remembering that moss always grows on the north side of trees. Keep tying strips of rag to trees as you go on. You can find your way back to the starting point if you should fail to strike the path that leads to safety.

The Mexican Boundary Line.

The international boundary line between the United States and the republic of Mexico is marked by pyramids of stones placed at irregular distances along the line all the way from the Rio Grande to the Pacific ocean. Wherever it was found practicable to do so these pyramids were built on prominent peaks at road crossings, fords, etc. The line was not surveyed, as is the usual custom, the location of the monuments being based on astronomical calculations and observations.

All His Eggs in One Basket.

Goodman Gonrong—We don't get nothing at that house. I asked the woman for some cold vittles, a cup of cawfee, some clothin' an' a place to sleep in the barn, an', by gum, she said I was comin' 't a little too strong, an' she shut the door in my face.

Tufford Knut—That's wot ye git, ye blame fool, fur puttin' all yer eggs in one ask it.

Considerate.

"Have you ever done anything to make the world happier?" asked the solemn looking person with the unbarbered hair.

"Sure," answered the jolly man with the double chin. "I was once invited to sing in public and declined."

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GOING WEST. Accom. 10.35 a. m.
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GOING EAST. Mail & Ex. 8.43 p. m.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1903.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Judge Fralick has adjourned the Court of Revision for Rawdon from the 4th to the 11th of December.

Remember the entertainment by the pupils of the High School in the Music Hall on the evening of Dec. 18th.

Time you got that Fur Coat from Ward's The Conservative Convention for the selection of a candidate for the new riding of West Hastings will be held at Marmora to-morrow (Dec. 4th) at 2 p.m.

The Ontario Churchman, which is now published at Kingston, has appeared in a new form, now being a five column eight page sheet, nicely illustrated, and printed on good paper.

Sell your goods, never mind talking about your competitors. You'll find Ward's Swell Overcoats are taking the lead.

Remember the Farmers' Institute meeting to be held in the Music Hall, Stirling, to-morrow (Friday) afternoon and evening. Good speakers will be present, and interesting meetings are expected.

The annual entertainment of the Mt. Pleasant Sabbath School will be held on Dec. 21st. A programme will be presented second to none. Choice selections. New features. An interesting evening. A rare treat; do not miss it. Come and see for yourself.

Yes, we make Fine Ordered Clothing at Ward's, but we can also show you as fine and up-to-date Ready-to-Wear Clothing as you will see in the county.

Rev. A. W. McKim Young, of Blairton, 8rd Vice Pres. of the Campbellford district E. L., will speak in the interest of the Forward Movement for Missions, at the regular meeting of the Epworth League next Monday evening, Dec. 7th. All are cordially invited to attend.

FOR SALE—Nine pigs, 3 months old. GEO. DAFOS, Harold.

The lack of rain all through the fall and up to the present is causing many wells to go dry, and we have been informed of instances where farmers have been compelled to drive their stock three and four miles to water. There has been steady cold winter weather for the past two weeks, but the want of snow is somewhat of a drawback to business, as farmers do not like to team wood or other produce on wagons.

The entertainment which was held at Wellman's Corners on Nov. 27th, under the auspices of L. O. L. No. 172, was a decided success as far as the entertainment was concerned. Mr. Will J. White proved himself to be all that the press claims him to be. He is an entertainer in every sense of the word, and the many double encores which he received were certainly highly complimentary to his ability. He is a humorous vocalist of more than ordinary ability, and he steers clear of all vulgarities, the latter being a fault of too many of our humorous entertainers. He stands a peer with the best. The lecturer of the evening, Rev. S. A. Duprau, failed to be present, as was advertised, for reasons of which we have not yet heard. The proceeds of the evening will amount to about forty dollars.—Com.

The party who took a pair of gold rimmed spectacles from my store, had better return the same and save further trouble. JAS. BOLDRICK.

L. O. L. No. 110.

The annual meeting and election of officers of L. O. L. No. 110 was held in McKee's hall on Tuesday evening last. There was a large attendance of members of the order. The officers elected for the ensuing year are:

Wm. Rodgers, Jr., W. M.
Thos. Montgomery, Jr., D. M.
Robert Rodgers, Rec. Sec.
Alfred Reid, Fin. Sec.
J. H. Reid, Treas.
Wm. Keegan, Chaplain.
Lieut. D. Green, D. of C.

After the closing of the Lodge the members repaired to Moon's Hotel, where a first class oyster supper was served.

A Successful Stirlingite.

Mr. Arthur Hatch has resigned the management of the Toronto business of the Gault Brothers Company, to become manager of the newly formed Dominion Steel Mills Company, with works in Leamington and head offices in Toronto. Two other factories will be erected in Ontario towns, the names of which are not yet announced. While on the road Mr. Hatch was a popular and prominent commercial traveller. He is a Mystic Shriner, a churchwarden of the Church of the Epiphany, president of the Parkdale Cricket Club, and vice-president of the Western Hockey Club. Mr. Hatch is a coming man in manufacturing circles.

Mr. Hatch was formerly a resident of Stirling, and his many friends here will be pleased to learn of his appointment to the important position mentioned above.

The new cheese factory at Hoard's is to be 30 x 60 feet, and of the most modern construction.

Stirling School Board.

The regular meeting of the Stirling School Board was held on Tuesday evening last, Dec. 1st.

Members present.—Dr. Faulkner, Chairman; T. G. Clute, Jas. Boldrick, Jos. Doak, C. W. Thompson, G. G. Thrasher, John Shaw, O. Vandervoort, F. T. Ward.

On motion Mr. G. G. Thrasher was appointed secretary pro tem. Minutes of last regular and special meetings were read, and on motion confirmed.

Miss Grass tendered her resignation as teacher, which was on motion accepted.

The Secretary was instructed to advertise for a teacher in the Toronto dailies. Salary to be \$900. Second class certificate.

The Chairman referred to the vacancy in the office of Secretary of the School Board, and suggested that a committee be appointed to draft a resolution of condolence to the family of the late John S. Black.

Mr. Boldrick spoke feelingly in reference to the death of Mr. Black, and moved that a committee be appointed.

Mr. G. G. Thrasher seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Thompson, moved that a resolution of condolence be sent to Mrs. Scott, in reference to the death of the late Mr. G. L. Scott. Carried.

Mr. Boldrick was appointed to draft both resolutions.

Miss Lambly made application for an increase in salary, and also that her salary be paid monthly.

Mr. Stinson applied for salary due for portion of the holidays, to which he was entitled according to the school. His salary is payable monthly, according to agreement.

On motion Mr. Stinson was granted \$30 for portion of holidays. Miss Lambly's application for increase of salary, as also that for monthly payments were not entertained.

On motion the appointment of Secretary of the School Board was left over till next regular meeting, applications to be made in writing.

On motion it was ordered that the Board purchase three car loads of good maple wood, sawed four feet long.

On motion the chairman was instructed to attend the County Council to look after school matters.

An account from the News-Argus of \$8.50 for printing was ordered to be paid.

Board adjourned.

Funeral of the Late John S. Black.

The funeral of the late Mr. John S. Black took place on Friday afternoon last from the family residence to the Stirling cemetery, where the interment was made. It was largely attended. The Village Council, the Board of Education, and the pupils of the High and Public Schools attending in a body. A large representation of citizens was also present. At the house a short religious service, including an address from the Rev. J. C. Bell, appropriate hymns, and portions of the Burial Service, was held, at the conclusion of which the cortege, headed by the Stirling Band, wended its way to the cemetery. In compliance with an oft-repeated request of the deceased, that his four boys should bear his body to its last resting place, his sons, Messrs. John Monroe, Harry Summerfield, Charley Dickinson, and Byrne Merriman Black, carried the casket from the house to the hearse, from the hearse to the grave, and in the graveside lowered it into its last resting place. Floral tributes were received from the relatives of the deceased. Requiescat in Pace.

Local Legal.

The following case was heard in the Court of Appeal at Toronto before MacLaren, J. A.:

Re Voters' Lists of Township of Rawdon, County of Hastings.—R. A. Grant, for appellant, Robert Totten. Case stated under sec. 38 of Voters' List Act, R. S. O. ch. 7, by the Junior Judge of the County Court of Hastings. Six several lists of appeals, one for each polling division of the Township of Rawdon, had been filed. The form used was printed from No. 6 under the Act. Part 1 of the form used, showing voters wrongfully omitted from the voters' list, was properly filled out. Some of the voters' names sought to be removed were quite properly placed in part of form No. 3, showing persons wrongfully inserted in the voters' lists, but the majority of appeals to strike off, viz., 58 in number, were placed in part of list No. 2, showing voters wrongfully named in voters' lists. It was contended that the grounds of disqualification set forth in "Errors in statement upon voters' lists," was sufficient notice, and that the 58 names should not be struck out. On the other hand, it was contended that although under R. S. O. ch. 7, sec. 32, large powers of amendment are given, yet there can be no amendment in this instance, because the time for filing appeals has elapsed. No one appeared to oppose. Argument for respondent to be heard later.

OBITUARY.

On Tuesday, Nov. 24th, the death occurred of Mrs. Jesse Carr, for many years a resident of River Valley. She was born in the historic town of Londonderry, Ireland, in 1842, and came to Canada at an early age. For many years her health had been failing, but her cheerful and bright disposition enabled her to bear her weakness and sufferings with Christian courage and resignation. Her husband, three sons, and four daughters survive, and their sorrow is shared by a large circle of friends. The burial service took place in Trinity Church, Frankford, and her remains were interred in the cemetery at that village.

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Ralph-Black.

A quiet home wedding took place at the residence of Mrs. John S. Black on Monday afternoon, when her eldest daughter, Miss Winnie Black, was united in marriage to Mr. James Ralph. The bride, who wore a travelling costume of navy blue cloth, was given away by her eldest brother, Mr. John M. Black. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. C. Bell. At its conclusion a wedding supper was served, the guests being limited to the immediate relatives of the contracting couple. Owing to the sudden death of the bride's father last week, the wedding trip was indefinitely postponed. A number of beautiful presents were received by the bride.

H. J. Pettypiece, M.P.P. for East Lambton, who is advocating a change in the law of this Province whereby the tax on railways will be equal to those on the farm, in writing The Sun regarding the amendment secured at Ottawa last session says:

"The much desired amendments to the Railway Act which were passed at the last Session of the Dominion Parliament are to a great extent the result of the able manner in which The Weekly Sun kept up the agitation in their support. I have found in The Sun my greatest support. In every possible way it has brought this question of equal taxation of the railways to the attention of the people, and has thus aroused them to the importance of the measure to such an extent that sooner or later it must find a place on the Statute Books of the Province. For this alone The Sun deserves the hearty support of the farmers of Ontario."

The readers of The Weekly Sun each week receive the latest and most accurate market reports. These are worth many times the subscription price to up-to-date farmers. Every farmer in this district should take The News-Argus and at the same time subscribe for The Weekly Sun, the farmer's business paper. The price for both is only \$1.80.

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HAROLD CHEESE FACTORY.

The annual meeting of Harold Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory, on Saturday, Dec. 12th, at one o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of paying dividends, letting milk routes, and any other business connected with the factory.

JOHN TANNER, Pres.

STIRLING CHEESE FACTORY.

The annual meeting of the Stirling Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory, on Friday, Dec. 11th, at one o'clock, p.m., for paying dividends, electing officers, selling milk routes, hiring cheesemakers, and any other business that may be brought before the company.

G. W. GREEN, Pres.

SHAMROCK CHEESE FACTORY

The annual meeting of the Shamrock Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory, on Saturday, Dec. 12th, at one o'clock, p.m., for the election of officers, paying dividends, hiring cheesemakers and other general business.

J. W. SAGER, Pres.

Enterprise Cheese Factory.

The annual meeting of Enterprise Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory, on Saturday, Dec. 12th, at one o'clock, a.m., for the purpose of paying dividends, election of officers, engaging cheesemakers, and any other business that may be brought before the meeting.

W. T. SINE, Pres.

Central Cheese Manufacturing Co.

The annual meeting of the Central Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory, on Tuesday, Dec. 15th, at one o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of paying dividends, electing officers, and any other business that may come before the meeting.

Also, tenders will be received for cheese-making for the ensuing season. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

GEO. A. JOHNSON, Pres.

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LADIES' HOSIERY.—Now is the time to make your purchase in heavy, Wool Hose, before you catch cold; and to do so you always want to get the best. Try G. N. MONTGOMERY'S, he has some values that will set you thinking.

Men's Kid Gloves and Mitts, Driving Mitts, Wool Gloves and Mitts. Our values are pocket catchers.

FLANNELETTES AND SHIRTINGS.—In these our assortment is very large, and you can save money when buying at this store. Our prices range from 5c. to 15c. yd.

FLANNELETTE SHEETS.—We have some at very low figures. You all want them. And now is the time to buy when they are cheap.

TABLE LINENS AND TOWELLINGS.—At 25c. we have a winner, 62 inches. At 35c., something you all want for the money. At 45c., very special value, 64 inches. At 50c., pure linen, bleached. At 75c. and \$1.00, with napkins to match.

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LADIES' STOCK COLLARS.—All new this week, and something you will want when you see our large assortment, at prices from 25c. to \$1.00. ea. All of the very latest styles.

LADIES' WRAPPERS.—We have mentioned very little about them before, and now our stock is most complete. Now is the time every lady wants one, and G. N. Montgomery's is the place to buy.

LADIES' FLANNELETTE UNDERWEAR is going fast. We have some odd lines and they must be cleared out to make room for our Xmas goods. Special bargains.

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Lots of Ladies' Fur Coats sold by us in wear for twelve or fifteen years. This goes to show that we are judges of what we buy and sell. We have secured a line of Bokharan and Persian Lamb Jackets, at a price about thirty-five dollars, that will surprise and please the most fastidious in dress. We have part of them in stock, and

the remainder will be open for inspection in a few days. We will be pleased to have you inspect them, and what we sell you we will give you a guarantee of as to their quality and class. Our sales thus far this year have been far beyond what we expected and we have no doubt that before the end of the season we will make our Fur trade for 1903-4 a Banner year.

Ladies, you should see our Sable and Greenland Seal Ruffs and Collarettes. They are pronounced gems in their own class. Everything in the Fur line is kept in this store. We make a special of it. If you call at our Royal Fur and Clothing Store, you will be pleased and satisfied of being well repaid for your visit to us.

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NOTICE.

Having leased the late John A.
Joyce's Blacksmith stand for a term
of years, I am now prepared to do all
kinds of Blacksmith Work. Solicit-
ing a call from all of my old customers
and as many new ones as can see fit
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P.S.—A full line of Cutters, Cream
Separators, and all kinds of MASSEY-
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Uric Acid said to Shorten Life

All People Suffer More or Less from
its Effects. This Statement Made
by a Prominent Doctor.

If you feel dull, have headaches, and
things seem to go wrong, it is because
some little crystals of uric acid are stop-
ping some small passage in your head.
If a sharp pain is in the shoulder
when you are putting on your coat, it is
because the lining of a vein or artery has
such a coat of uric acid crystals that it has
become brittle. If you feel great pain when
you are moving, and the limbs become
swollen, it is called rheumatism. If you
feel you are growing old before your time,
it is because you are filled with these lit-
tle crystals of acid. They have changed the
veins and arteries from delicate, pliable
ducts that follow every movement of the
muscles without interfering or pain, to
stiff tubes which cannot carry the
amount of blood they should. The heart
becomes coated with these crystals, thus
reducing its power, until finally the victim
dies of heart-failure. It clogs up the
brain, and death is due to congestion. It
clogs the blood-vessels of the lungs, and
helps consumption.

The kidneys are the filters of the system;
when they are in a normal condition of
health and strength they carry off this
deadly poison. But they, too, become
overworked and impaired by the ravages
of uric acid.

From the gums, balsams, roots and barks
found in the islands of Borneo and Sumatra a
wonderful remedy has been compounded.
This preparation acts directly on the kidneys
and urinary organs, clearing them of the
deadly poisons that collect there and restor-
ing them to a normal degree of activity. It
dissolves the uric acid crystals and they are
carried away. This remedy has been named
the O. R. Kidney Cure, (Old Reliable), from
the fact that it never fails. By its use you
will prolong your life, as 90 per cent. of the
diseases from which people die are caused by
the presence of uric acid in the system. The
O. R. C. is put up in bottles containing a
full ten days treatment and can be had from
all druggists at 50c. per bottle, or will be sent
by mail, postage paid, on receipt of price.

The O. R. MEDICINE CO., Limited,
TORONTO, ONT.

Spring Brook Cheese Factory

The annual meeting of the stockholders
and patrons of Spring Brook Cheese Manu-
facturing Company will be held at the
factory, on Saturday, Dec. 5th, at one
o'clock, p.m., for paying dividends, elect-
ing officers, letting milk routes, hiring
cheesemakers and any other business which
may come before the meeting.

T. J. THOMPSON, Pres.

AN EARTHLY TRINITY.

Health and Wealth Ought to Be
Linked With Happiness.

We are used to feel, to put it crudely,
that folks who have health and money
ought to be happy. And so they should.
A sufficient income promotes comfort,
and that contributes to cheerfulness of
spirit, and to have health of course
means to feel well, and that is a long
step toward feeling good. But how far
do we have to look to find persons with
health to squander and more money than
they know how to spend making
strenuous efforts to attain happiness
and merely achieving impaired health?
If you have health and money you can
usually buy pleasure, but enjoyment is a
different article, and even when you
have got enjoyment happiness may still
elude you. Pleasure palliates and
sometimes demoralizes; enjoyment easily
yields to weariness, but you don't get
tired of being happy, and you may be
ever so tired and be happy still.

Happiness is a state of satisfaction.
One reason why it is so elusive may be
because we human creatures are a
complication of body, mind and spirit
and require for our complete satisfac-
tion a particularly nice adjustment of
blessings and of conduct. If we in-
dulge the body too much the other two
partners become mutinous; if we over-
cultivate the mind the body may break
down, and if we bestow all our attention
on mind and body, the spirit, ignored,
takes a sure vengeance on us for our
neglect. It is so difficult so to
measure and direct our efforts as to
apportion all the demands of our tripli-
cate natures that the simpler way is to
regard happiness as a byproduct, give
over all direct attempts to acquire a
constant supply of it and simply ac-
cept however much of it may come
while we go about our business with
such intelligence as we can. We can
usually keep our bodies in fair repair
if we are not too lazy or too self-indul-
gent. If we have to earn our livings
our minds and bodies, too, find occupa-
tion that is usually wholesome, and
the discipline of work done, as it usually
is, for others as well as for our-
selves, helps to satisfy the exactions of
the spirit.

"LOST AND FOUND" COLUMN

Pronounced The Most Interesting
Part of a Newspaper.

An inveterate newspaper reader was
overheard to say the other day, says
the Chicago Tribune, after an hour's
strict attention to the news: "The most
entertaining part of a big daily is the
'Lost and Found' column. Some peo-
ple look at the sporting news, others
for the deaths and marriages, but lost
articles and other rewards are my par-
ticular fancy. If you study these 'lost',
you will have a pretty fair idea of your
fellow creatures' common sense and
their ability to hold on to what belongs
to them. Sooner or later the horseshoe
pin runs off with the hat pin, and the
cluster diamond ring disappears with
the pearl earring. A popular elope-
ment is in the purse with jewelry, but
the lightsome fashion with which pocket-
books lose themselves in this sinful
world shows how careless mortals be-
come and that nobody ever learns anything
by another's dear experience."

"The rewards offered for missing
treasures indicate their value to the
finder. Some are quite pathetically large,
others recklessly so, but a saving clause
is the laconic 'No questions asked', and
then I feel the case is truly desperate
and the watch chain and locket must
have departed under peculiar circum-
stances. The lady who was seen to
pick up, etc., is another thrilling in-
stance of a loser's despair, for the
chances are it is mere supposition, and
no lady picked up anything. Now and
then it is a yellow headed parrot that
goes astray to vary the endless variety
of dogs whose owners publicly sorrow
for their loss. About this live article
there is always a sense of tragedy, and
when I note a 'found dog' in the list I
mentally congratulate whoever had the
kind thought to advertise it and thus
to put an end to the anxiety in its
home."

The discovery of wreckage bearing
the word "Emerald" establishes be-
yond doubt that the schooner foundered
in Lake Ontario during the heavy gale
of a week last Sunday.

The counties of Simcoe and Ontario
have just finished by day labor the
construction of approaches to three
bridges on the Severn River, the cost of
which was \$1,422. Tenders were asked
for the work, and the lowest tender
asked \$9,000 for the job. The saving to
the counties by doing the work them-
selves was therefore over \$1,500.

Dr. Sheard, Provincial Medical
Health Officer, referring to the preva-
lence of diphtheria throughout the
Province, states that November, December,
and January were the months when the
disease was most prevalent, and no
material decline was expected before
the New Year. The methods of the
spread of diphtheria were incidental to
child life, toys, mouth organs, and
chewing gum being common means of
communication for the disease.

School Reports.

S. S. No. 1, Rawdon.

Average attendance 81.
Sr. IV.—Bertha Mosher, Ada Mc-
Curdy, Edna Eggleton, Emma Ken-
nedy.
Jr. IV.—Rosa Keegan, Volney Rich-
ardson, Myrtle Eggleton.
Sr. III.—Sarah Wilson, Arthur
Richardson.
Jr. III.—Bessie Kennedy, Nellie
Robinson, Gladys Lyons.
Pr. II.—Emma McGee, Sandy Mc-
Curdy, Flossie Montgomery.
Pr. I. Sr.—Raymond Reid, Annie
Mosher, Wilmet Lanigan.
Pr. I. Jr.—Bruce Rodgers, Arthur
Rodgers, Arthur Keegan.
M. McKenna, Teacher.

S. S. No. 7, Rawdon.

Percentage taken in November.
IV.—Coza Bateman, 70.
III.—Earl Scott 72, Maggie Bateman
68, Warren Harlow 48, Charlie Drewry
47, Pearl Demill 46.
II.—Gladys Tucker 60, Carrie Potts
52, Lillie Potts 47, Edward Rodgers 25,
Pr. II.—Kathleen Doak 78, Bryson
Donnan 66, Jennie Bateman 65, Earl
Drewry 35, Willie Wright 19, Herbert
Rodgers 15.
I.—Harry Neal 97, Claude Tucker 94,
Fred Martin 71, Ella Wright 15.
C. E. GREEN, Teacher.

S. S. No. 6, Rawdon.

Sr. IV.—Beatrice Sine, 372.
Jr. IV.—Mary Johnston 316, Karl
Sine 175.
Sr. III.—Annie Farrell 294, Sylvia
Imholz 211, Claude Hogle 162, James
Nerria 159, Norah Bailey 102, Annie
Irwin 51.
Sr. II.—Kenneth Sine 202, Gladys
Bailey 179, Reginald Sine 177, Henry
Farrell 143, Lottie Post 76, Eva
Bailey 52.
Sr. Pr. II.—Emma Nerria 120, May
Nerria 111, Erma Imholz 76, Ethel
Thompson 48.
Jr. Pr. II.—Mary Bryce 15.
Sr. Pr. I.—Nellie Caverley 72, Mabel
Bailey 30.
Jr. Pr. I.—Ernest Thompson 52,
Irene Sine 50, Leatha Nerria 45, Maud
Bailey 12.
Average attendance 18.
A. R. MACKENNA, Teacher.

Clubbing List

THE NEWS-ARGUS will club with the
following papers at the rates mentioned:

The Weekly Globe \$1.75
The Weekly Mail & Empire,
with premium picture 1.75
The Family Herald & Weekly
Star, with two premium pic-
tures, and Map of Canada 1.80
The Weekly Sun 1.80
The Toronto News (Daily) 1.80
The Toronto Star (Daily) 1.80
The Toronto Globe (Daily) 4.50
The Farmers' Advocate, balance
of this year free to new sub-
scribers, (weekly after Jan. 1) \$2.30
We specially commend the Advo-
cate as the best agricultural paper
published in Canada.

Special low clubbing rates with
the Montreal Daily or Weekly Witness.

Diphtheria of a malignant type has
broken out in Palmerston and Clarendon
Townships, North Frontenac, and
is spreading. Several deaths have al-
ready occurred.

REXALL HOUSE- HOLD DYES.

These Dyes will dye Wool, Cotton, Silk, Jute
or mixed goods. One box dyes 10 lbs. of
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Try a package. All colors at
C. F. STICKLE, Agent.

Wellman's Corners.

(From our Correspondent.)

The entertainment held by L. O. L.
No. 172, on the evening of the 27th was
largely attended and interest was
maintained throughout. Mr. Will J.
White, of Toronto, is a humorist of the
first class. He kept the audience in a
continued state of amusement during
the whole evening. His local hits
called forth shouts of uproarious laugh-
ter. Notwithstanding the disappoint-
ment on account of the non-appearance
of the Rev. Mr. Duprau, who was ex-
pected to lecture, the entertainment was
a decided success. It is not yet
known what the net proceeds will be,
as some of the ticket sellers have not
yet made their returns, but the Orange-
men will have quite an amount to add
to their exchequer.

The special services in the Methodist
church here will be continued every
night of this week excepting Saturday.
Mr. Yateman of Sidney, has been
visiting at Mr. Wm. Jackson's.
Mrs. McGrath of Charlotte, is visit-
ing her sisters, Mrs. Wm. Mack and
Mrs. Hoard.

Miss Bissonnette, of Stirling, was the
guest of Miss Emma Morton during
Saturday and Sunday.

A number of persons from this vicinity
attended the funeral of the late T.
J. Bateman.

Mr. John Snarr is erecting a new
wind mill on his premises.
Mr. and Miss Pollock of Kincardine,
are visiting their sister, Mrs. Wm.
Pollock, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wootton cele-
brated their golden wedding on the 29th.
Every one of their sons and daughters
were home for the occasion.

Canada's Great Illustrated Weekly.

In keeping with the progress of the age,
CANADA'S GREAT NATIONAL HOME
NEWSPAPER, THE WEEKLY GLOBE,
will be very materially improved for 1904.
Numerous important changes are in
contemplation, but the leading feature will
be the introduction of an EIGHT-PAGE IL-
LUSTRATED SUPPLEMENT ON CAL-
ENDERED PAPER. This will undoubt-
edly make it the most popular weekly of-
fered to the people of the Dominion. For
particulars see advertisement in another
column of this issue.

Auction Sales.

SATURDAY, DEC. 5.—At the premises of
Mrs. G. L. Scott, Front Street, Stirling,
a Jersey Cow, two Buggies, Cutter, Robes,
two sets of Harness, set of carpenter's
tools, new Lumber Wagon, Coal Stove and
other miscellaneous articles. Also five
acres of land. Sale at one o'clock, p.m.
Wm. Rodgers, Auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9.—At Sine, an exten-
sive sale of Household Furniture, belong-
ing to Mr. John Green. Everything to be
sold without reserve. Sale at 12.30, p.m.,
sharp. Wm. Rodgers, Auctioneer.

THURSDAY, DEC. 10.—On North-east part
of Lot 19, in the 1st Con. of Rawdon, the
Farm Stock and Implements belonging to
Mr. Theodore Embury. Sale at 1 o'clock,
p.m. Wm. Rodgers, Auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18.—On Lot 33, Con.
7, Sidney, the Farm Stock and Implements
belonging to Mr. George Stewart. Sale at
1 o'clock, p.m. Wm. Rodgers, Auctioneer.

Married.

RALPH BLACK—At the residence of the
bride's mother, by the Rev. J. C. Bell, on Nov.
30th, Winnie M., eldest daughter of the late
John S. Black, to James Ralph, both of Stirling.

CLARE WEBB—At the Methodist parsonage,
Madeo, on Nov. 11th, by Rev. H. L. Phelps,
Alfred Geo. Clare to Jane Webb, all of Stirling.

Deaths.

WRIGHT—In Rawdon, on Dec. 1st, Jane,
wife of James Wright, aged 76 years, 6 months
and 27 days.

THE CELEBRATED EYE SPECIALIST

Prof. J. H. De Silberg, Optician Special-
ist from Germany, will be in Stirling, at
the Stirling House parlors, three times
weekly. Watch for dates. All consulta-
tions free. Those having weak or imper-
fect eyes should not fail to consult the
professor. Next visit will be in February.

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The Rubber that
is soft and as a rock.
We have all
shapes, high and
low cut, buckle
and lace.
These are the
strongest and
heaviest sole on
any Rubber shoe.
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We guarantee
to save you money
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but wear longer
than any Rubber
offered you.

See our Felt Boots and Slippers, Overgaiters, Leggings, Overshoes,
Ladies' Wet Soles (Ladies', Men's and Children), Fleece Lined Boots
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We have a splendid stock of FALL and WINTER FOOTWEAR.

We have Bargains in Ladies' and Men's Fine Rubbers.

We are headquarters for Hand Made Work. All rips sewed free.

Remember Superb Black Cat Polish.

CEO. REYNOLDS,

SHOE KING.

Highest price paid for Eggs.

Dogs are blamed for visiting chicken
coops in Belleville, and killing large
numbers of chickens.

The pupils of the Trenton High School
are making an effort to have an open
skating rink during the coming winter.

WARD!

I have in stock the follow-
ing:—

- 4 good second-hand Cook
Stoves with reservoir.
- 3 Cook Stoves, without reser-
voir.
- 5 Box Stoves.
- 3 Double Box Stoves.
- 4 Parlor Stoves.
- 2 Large Box Stoves, suitable
for School House or Hall.

These will all be sold cheap.

L. MEIKLEJOHN.

NEWS-ARGUS

To Jan. 1, 1904,
for \$1.00.

Notice to the Public.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING TAKEN
out license as Auctioneer for the County
of Hastings is prepared to attend all sales on
shortest notice. Terms as low as the lowest,
and satisfaction guaranteed. Orders left
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cuted in neat and fashionable style, and on
short notice.

WOOD FOR SALE

Standing hard wood timber.

R. N. BIRD,
Lot 28, Con. 8, Sidney. Stirling, P.O.

STRAYED.

Came into the premises of the subscrib-
er, Lot 6, in the 9th Con. of Rawdon, in
October last, a yearling Bull. The owner
is requested to prove property, pay charges
and take him away.

T. J. THOMPSON,
Spring Brook, Stirling.

Lumber and Shingles

for sale at Anson.

R. G. KINGSTON.

Christmas Suggestions.

Mr. Editor would not let us have the whole paper from now to New Year's so that we could tell you all about what Santa Claus has left here for you, but promised us a bigger space next week, so you will need to keep your eyes and ears open and just run down this little list of useful, sensible, comfortable, enduring articles that will make the smiles come over the receiver of any of the following as a Christmas Gift.

Fur Ruffs and Muffs,
" **Capelines and Gauntlets**
" **Jackets and Capes,**
" **Caps and Boas,**
" **Lined Coats,**
" **Coats,**
" **Coon Coats,**
and many other lines we could tell you if space would permit, but we would rather have you call at

FRED. T. WARD,
YOUR TAILOR, FURNISHER & FURRIER.

A FAIR EXCHANGE.

We Have the Goods. You Have the Money.
You Want the Goods. We Want the Money.

Here are a few specials we would like to exchange with you:—

Men's Heavy Cloth Overcoats, \$6.00 and \$8.00 for \$3.00.
Men's Ready-Made Suits, were \$10.00 for \$7.00, \$8.50 for \$6.00.
Men's Fur Coats, Wombat, Kangaroo, Goat and Bear, were \$30 for \$25, \$25 for \$22, \$23 for \$20.
Men's Fur Caps, \$3.00 for \$2.50; \$2.50 for \$2.00.
Men's Heavy Cloth Caps, 50c. for 25c. Men's Sealette Caps, \$1 for 50c.
Ladies' Fur Lined Capes were \$15 for \$12. Ladies' Sealette Capes trimmed with sequin embroidery and thibet fur, \$14 for \$11, \$12 for \$9.
Ladies' Coats, a few left to clear at greatly reduced prices, \$12 for \$9, \$9 for \$6.50, \$4.50 for \$2.00.
Ready-to-Wear Skirts, some odd lines at low prices, \$3 for \$2, \$2.50 for \$1.75, \$5 for \$3.
Black Saten Blouses at half price until sold out, \$2.50 for \$1.00, \$1.50 for 75c., \$1.25 for 50c., 50c. for 25c.
An extra fine stock of FANCY CHINA, GLASSWARE, TOYS, and all sorts of Novelties for Christmas Gifts.

CHRISTMAS GROCERIES.

4 lbs. Cleaned Currants, 25c. Choice Mixed Biscuit, 3 lbs. for 25c.
3 lbs. Raisins for 25c. 4 lbs. Snaps for 25c.
Choice Whole Peels, 25c. 6 lbs. Rice for 25c.
Bring in your Fowls, dry pickled, leave on wing and tail feathers, do not draw, starve before killing. Will buy Monday, Dec. 14th.

C. F. STICKLE.

BARGAINS IN Dinner Sets.

All our DINNER SETS are now opened up and they are a fine lot. Sets from \$10.00 up.

Also a fine assortment of 6 and 10 piece BEDROOM SETS from \$2.50 up to \$5.00. These goods have to be seen before you can really appreciate them. Grand value.

CHINA.

The largest assortment, best quality and the lowest price ever offered in Stirling. A look will convince anyone.

Come and see tons of Crockery and China displayed.

JOHN SHAW.

THE NEWS-ARGUS

TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS,

To 1st of Jan. 1905, for \$1.00.

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Never was better than now for seeing the grandest display of Furs ever shown in Campbellford.

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Is filled with all the latest styles of JACKETS, COATS, CAPERINES, RUFFS, MUFFS, CAPS, ROBES, etc., in Persian Lamb, Grey Lamb Electric Seal, Bokharan and Astrachan, Columbian Coon, Wallaby, Bulgarian Lamb, Siberian Buffalo, and all other kinds.

Our HARNESSES and VEHICLES command your attention.

Come and see us.

J. E. DIAMOND,
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FARM FOR SALE.

Being East half of Lot 13, in the 8th Con. of Thurlow, containing one hundred acres. Seventy-five acres cleared and in a good state of cultivation. A good sap bush on remainder. Good farm house. Barn 28 x 30. Large orchard. Terms easy. For further particulars apply on the premises, or by mail to Corbyville, P.O.

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Village Council.

The regular meeting of the village Council was held on Monday evening last. Members all present; Mr. John Conley, Reeve, in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Utman, seconded by Mr. Meiklejohn, that Mr. G. G. Thrasher act as clerk pro tem. Carried.
On motion of Mr. Halliwell, seconded by Mr. Lagrow, the following resolution was ordered to be placed on the minute book, and a copy sent to Mrs. Black:

"This Council, at its first meeting after the death of its late clerk, takes this opportunity of expressing our deep sense of the great loss we as a corporation have sustained. Our late Clerk, Mr. John S. Black, while one of the kindest and pleasantest of men to meet, was at the same time one of the firmest in the performance of his duties. We shall not soon be able to fill his place; and we take this opportunity of extending to his bereaved wife and family our heartfelt sympathy in the great loss they have sustained."

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and confirmed.

The following accounts were read:

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| J. Boldrick & Son, lumber and shingles..... | \$49.60 |
| A. Godfrey, work, etc..... | 21.18 |
| D. Green, special constable..... | 2.50 |
| C. Hoard, work..... | 1.50 |
| H. Saylor, work..... | .65 |
| Alfred McCutcheon, work..... | 2.25 |
| R. Young, work..... | 1.50 |
| J. W. Cummings..... | 1.50 |
| W. J. Graham, gravel..... | 1.40 |
| John Gould, teaming..... | 3.75 |
| News-Argus printing..... | 29.50 |
| Charles Nolan, stone..... | 11.80 |
| J. P. Conroy, stone..... | 1.75 |
| H. S. Ferguson, conveying Mr. Thurber to Belleville..... | 3.50 |
| W. A. Mitchell, care of fire engine..... | 12.00 |
| Fred. Westcott, gravel..... | 14.80 |
| B. R. Wright, for freight..... | 1.50 |
| E. R. Wright, teaming..... | 1.80 |
| Ric. Lewis, hand cuffs and express..... | 4.85 |
| R. Cosbey, iron bands for tank..... | .25 |
| Earl Playter, wood for Mrs. Smith..... | 5.25 |
| Dr. Alger, attendance on Mr. Thurber..... | 12.00 |
| Dr. Alger, attendance on Mrs. Smith..... | 11.75 |
| R. B. Jones, work on sidewalk..... | 9.94 |
| J. Boldrick & Son, cement..... | 15.75 |
| Dr. Sprague, medical attendance..... | 4.50 |
| Mrs. Sharp, keeping Mrs. McGowan, to 23rd of Nov..... | 7.00 |

A deduction of \$4.58 was made from Mr. A. Godfrey's account, principally for services in connection with the arrest of Nolan, who was taken to Belleville and sentenced to the Central Prison, and for which it was contended the county should pay.

A deduction of \$7.00 was made in the account of Dr. Alger for medicine for Mrs. Smith, as such had not been ordered.

The sum of \$2.50 was also deducted from Mr. R. B. Jones' account. Dr. Sprague's account was not allowed.

With these exceptions the accounts were ordered to be paid.

Applications were read from the following persons for the office of clerk:—E. F. Parker, W. H. Minchin, T. G. Clute.

Mr. Jas. Milne tendered his resignation as Treasurer of the village.

On motion, the resignation of Mr. Milne was accepted, to take effect as soon as his accounts are audited and accepted by the Council.

On motion rule 84 was suspended in order to introduce and carry through a by-law appointing an auditor in place of W. A. Parker, who has removed.

Mr. Halliwell gave notice of a by-law to appoint an auditor.

Mr. Utman, seconded by Mr. Meikle-

john, moved that Mr. E. F. Parker be appointed clerk. Carried.

Mr. R. Fletcher complained that he had been wrongly assessed for a dog, and stated that he never had a dog.

Moved by Mr. Halliwell, seconded by Mr. Lagrow, that Mr. Fletcher's dog tax be refunded. Carried.

Mr. N. Lanktree made complaint of obstruction to the street at the east end of Mr. Montgomery's shop. On motion the Reeve was instructed to look into the matter.

Mr. E. W. Hawkins sent in an account of \$7.00 for damage to harness and buggy on account of a defective culvert at the east side of the village.

After some discussion as to liability, a motion was passed ordering it to be paid.

Mr. A. Godfrey handed in his resignation as an official of the corporation.

Council adjourned, to meet at Mr. Thrasher's office on the following day, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

The Council met at Mr. Thrasher's office on Tuesday, as per adjournment, and passed a by-law appointing Mr. F. H. Stinson, auditor, and Mr. E. F. Parker clerk and cemetery overseer.

A Prize Contest.

In addition to the effort to awaken interest in Toronto, in the celebration of the Centenary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, it is proposed by the Committee to offer 100 prizes for competition among the pupils of the public schools outside of Toronto, for the best essays on the Bible Society—its History, Work and Claims.

All school children attending public schools outside of Toronto may compete in this contest.

The essays must not exceed one thousand words, and must be in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee, Rev. A. B. Chambers, D. D., 5 Oak Street, Toronto, on or before February 1st, 1904.

The name, age and school of each competitor must be attached to the essay.

The prizes will be Bibles, authorized version, Centenary edition, well bound. The names of the winners will be announced at the Young People's Mass Meeting, in Massey Hall, Toronto, March 7th, 1904, and prizes will be forwarded to winners as soon as possible thereafter.

The Committee claims the right to publish any of these essays as they may choose.

It is hoped that the interest in this contest will be great and widespread.

Words of Wisdom.

Progress is the offspring of discontent. Cold cash has burned many a man's fingers.

Ignorance is far less odious than false affection.

Ingratitude makes a man look like a dollar minus 99 cents.

Many a man who owes something to himself refuses to pay it.

Take time for recreation or you will work yourself out of a job.

Each day brings its separate and distinct opportunities for doing good.

It is impossible for a man to help others without helping himself more.

Listen to what your friends say of others if you would know what they say of you.

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A WOMAN'S LOVE

OR, A BROTHER'S PROMISE

CHAPTER I.

Hector Chisholm Grant, journalist and dreamer, stood at the door of Johnson's Coffee-House in the Strand and threw away the end of his cigarette. Eastward, the roadway was a tawdry mirror, reflecting the glare of "Lorry's Theatre," the hansom lamps clustering round the Gaiety, the hovering lights of a hundred omnibuses. Westward, the "Tivoli" blazed, a dim gleam of shaven came from the courtyard of the Cecil, and again more hansom and omnibus lights. It was a dreary night: all the more dreary because the month was August, when one looks for clear skies and pleasant breezes, stars, and a summer moon.

Grant gazed out on the dripping passers with a discontented frown. He shook his umbrella free from its ring. "I don't know who he was," he muttered to himself, "but he was fair to middling wise, the man who said that 'Life is a habit—mostly a damn bad one.' Mine's one of the most. Get up at eight, tub, shave, dress, breakfast, curse my laundress, read the papers, curse them. Office at ten, work till one. Lunch alone or with some fellow, or, perhaps, hear from him how Red, White and Blue accepted a dozen articles a year ago—hasn't paid for them yet. Same old evening story. Same talk—eternal shop. Back to office. Leave at five. Go to Sloane Street, and once till seven. Dinner at eight and chess till ten. And then, back to dull chambers, a dull dog, a dreary dog, tonight a damp dog! Same every day but Sunday—that's worse. Wagh!"

He opened his umbrella with a jerk, and made to step on to the pavement. A voice at his elbow caused him to stop and turn round. "You go towards Temple Bar, Mr. Grant?"

"Ah! Señor Bravo!" he cried, recognizing the wide sombrero and all-enveloping cloak of his late opponent at chess.

"I go your way. We might talk." "I shall be glad of a chat. I feel miserable. I suppose it's the weather."

"Yes, indeed, your London weather depresses. I've been cursing the monotony of my existence. It's getting on my nerves, this life that is the same, day in, and day out."

They walked slowly eastward. The rain had now ceased. Hector went on.

"I am a Scotsman, you know: a Highlander, rather. We are a race of adventurous dreamers. Fighting of some sort is the breath of our nostrils: we must be hacking and hewing. Otherwise—we sit still and let our bones melt into melancholy. As we say, 'Here's a height or a hole with us. Here's a six-foot-one of fighting-stuff sliding down imperceptibly into the general slosh of flabbiness, and pobbiness, and greasy content, we have round us everywhere here.'"

"Is not the newspaper life exciting?" asked Señor Bravo.

"Exciting enough," answered Hector; "but one gets used to it. We take the assassination of an Emperor, or the downfall of a Cabinet, or the burning of Chicago, or a cab accident in the Strand, all with the same complacency. They are so far away from one's stuffy office, and the tape machine and the flimsy are so impersonal as Fate or the County Council."

"They had come to the corner of Wellington Street, and they stopped for a moment to let pass some cabs going northward from Waterloo."

"I have the time to look upon the river," said the Scot simply. "This is the hour of its best."

So they turned towards the bridge, and walked in silence until they came

to the middle. They leaned on the parapet in one of the embrasures, and looked up stream. Hector, too, loved the river at night. Often and often, during his seven years in London, had he come here and stood for an hour at a time, gazing at the glassy darkness of the flood, the thousand broken lights, the slow moving shadows of barges, the swallow-like dart of a police launch; and listening to the lap-lap or the swish-swish of the water against the buttresses.

The great electric light in the tower of the House shone high above the night, telling the world that cared—how small that world is!—that the faithful Commons still sat, debating and discussing, planning and scheming, rough-hewing and french-polishing the destinies of the Empire, generally with a righteous British eye to their own immediate advantage.

Señor Bravo stretched a skinny hand towards the light. "I did use to think that the men these were lovers of freedom, of the erty. They have the name of it yet. But I have made experience of them—of the greatest. There was one who had the golden tongue: I pleaded with him for my country. He was a friend to Greece to Bulgaria, to Armenia. I pleaded with him. He spoke, and his words warmed my heart. He wept, he made me to weep. His sympathy was rich and overflowing. He talked to me for an hour, and yet, the stream was not dry. I was tossed high on the waves of his eloquence, so high that I saw Hope shining on the horizon."

He paused for a moment, and then resumed with a contemptuous shrug. "He was a politician; he was a statesman when he could not help himself, and a lover of liberty and right when it suited him. He was one of the men you British love, the ten letters of the word 'expedient' in his Decalogue. I found myself at the end of the hour standing on that doorstep in Downing Street which politician-feet have worn down, that doorstep which pilgrims in thousands come to see, that doorstep which is not so hard as the politician's heart. I stood there stunned—with words. I had spent a whole year and much money, scheming for an interview with him. My year was gone, my money was gone; I had nothing but words to show for them. No, I like not much this side of the bridge. Let us go over."

Grant wondered greatly at the old man's vehemence. He knew, or rather he felt, that there was some mystery about this Señor Bravo who came regularly every evening to Johnson's to play chess for shillings. The habitues of the chess-room laughed tolerantly at the "old Frenchman"—to them, all foreigners were "French"—for they did not appraise highly his skill as a player. But he was quiet and harmless, and interfered with nobody. Grant had put "Aquellos que una y otra vez" often when their game was finished, they had talked. The old man seemed to be greatly interested in foreign politics, and he generally managed to turn the conversation on that subject.

(To be Continued.)

STRONGER THAN DEATH...

CHAPTER XX—(Continued.)

Down a long pathway that led right into the heart of the woods, Vivian Ardel walked swiftly. The path, curving with the curves of a merry trout stream that ran beside it, was narrow and dark even in noonday, with walls and roof of dense foliage. Far off, seen now and again through the green gloom of the wood, a glimpse of white glanced before him, like a beckoning hope.

While yet a long way off, the turn-

ed, restlessly impatient of her own thoughts. Dimly he saw her own moving swiftly toward him through the long vista of the shaded path, and knew that the supreme hour of his life was at hand, and nerved himself to meet it. But his heart beat fast and hard like on the pants in the close of a long struggle, fearing defeat.

As they met, her sad face softened to a pleasant smile, and, with nod and gesture of greeting, she would have passed. But he stood in the centre of the path, trembling, though she did not see him tremble, and held out a letter to her.

"For me?" she asked, surprised.

"For you, Lucy," he said, and the tone of his voice troubled her.

"How strangely you speak. Is it bad news?"

"I believe not. I most earnestly hope you will not think so. It's very short. Read it for yourself."

He watched her jealously while her eyes brightened, while she looked up from the reading with a sigh of relief, but yet full of surprise.

"You knew what was in the letter?" she asked.

He nodded. For a moment he could not trust himself to speak.

"Why did he love me?"

"He had no choice."

"You asked him to go."

"I forced him to go."

"You!" Her surprise mastered her utterly.

Lucy—unworthy of you, Lucy—unworthy of your good words: a creature too bad and vile for your very thoughts to touch. I forced the confession of black guilt from his own lips. I hold it here, written by his own hand."

There was something in his voice that thrilled her, strange yet familiar.

"I feel I can trust you," she said softly; "but how did you know—how could you know that I—that his going or coming was anything to me?"

"I told you? You yourself told me you were pledged to marry this man."

"I told you! I never spoke to you about it. I couldn't. It only happened yesterday, and I told you because I hardly know why—but you must have heard it."

Yet even while she protested and denied, there came a curious doubt upon her that it was to this man and no other she had spoken.

"You told me with your own lips, Lucy. You told me too you did not love him. I knew him utterly and loved him."

His words for her belief upon her in spite of her own memory and senses, amazement half-dumb.

They walked a little way in silence and the path led them out on the open pleasure ground close to the house.

"Lucy!" he said, with sudden change to humble entreaty, "will you turn and walk a little way with me alone?" and she turned without a word.

They were back on the lonely pathway when he spoke again, his voice so low she could hardly catch his words: "I have a confession to make—a wild, strange, humiliating confession. I am sick with fear and shame, but I must speak."

"But why to me?"

"Because you must know me as I am for good or evil."

He walked close beside her in the walk, gathering courage for the strange confession, and there was no sound but the cool plash of the un-

der water and the fluttering of birds in the leaves. Of a sudden that strange feeling came upon Lucy, that weird feeling every one has known at some time of their lives. She seemed to move as in a dream, to relive a portion of her life, even to the most minute detail.

It was in that same soft twilight of a dim night he had walked before with Vivian Ardel, waiting for the story of his life.

And when at last he spoke, the weird story that he told, strange and wild as ever fell from man's lips seemed so curiously familiar as a half-remembered dream.

It did not need the quiet earnestness of his voice to enforce belief. She never doubted him from the first.

But she grew pale, and trembled in the grip of her excitement, as one to whom the heart-parted ghost had suddenly appeared.

"I am frightened," she whispered faintly. "Bring me out of the dark; bring me back into the sunlight."

She leant on his arm, faint, half-conscious, and the temptation was strong in him to lay her to his heart. But he put it sternly aside. Half leading, half supporting her to the wood's edge he found her a seat on a mossy mound between two arching roots of wide-branching oak, and stood beside her, waiting, with eyes averted from her face. Spread out before them the wide scene lay bathed in clear sunlight. The silver lake stretched smooth and bright as a vast mirror framed with the gorgeous colors of the autumnal woods.

"I have been sorely punished," Lucy," he said at last, "for my rebellion against God's wise decrees. Henceforth and shame have poisoned my stolen youth with such a life, affronting death with such a confidence, the life I had so longed for, I had so sinned for, had grown intolerable. But he whom most of all I loved has forgiven me. Can you forgive?"

"What have I to forgive?" she answered softly, as yet scarcely trusting her own voice. "I who owe everything to you."

"Forgive my cowardice and my sin begotten of cowardice."

"But that haunting fear of which you told me—it has ceased to trouble me."

"Love that is perfect," he answered, "casteth out fear. I would no longer—if I could—evade the common fate of death; no longer forfeit the light of life. I take my stand with my fellows. I take my stand to atone for the years my folly has wasted, to make the world better and happier for the life I have lived in it. Will you help me, Lucy?"

"I will," she answered for his happiness.

"I want more than prayers. I want your help—I want yourself. I love you, Lucy. I so love you that

life itself, the life I thought so perfect, is misery to me without your love."

She turned her head away, resting her arm on the arched tree root, that he could no longer see her face, and was silent.

"Is there any hope for me?"

Still no answer.

Her silence frightened him. In that hour he felt he had thrown away the one supreme joy that life holds: the love of the beloved. He looked with passionate longing at the slight figure and averted face of her who for him was the personification of womanhood—beautiful, pure, and true.

But he nerved himself to bear his fate. "Forgive me, Lucy," he said, "that I have troubled your heart with my audacious hopes. I will no longer dream of what might have been. I am more worthy; though without your life is misery, and death release."

But she rose as he spoke and turned to him. Her cheeks were flushed; her eyes bright with tears. Those brave true eyes looked straight into his, and in a moment he knew.

No other answer was needed. He caught her to his heart, and with loving shy joy she gave herself to his embrace.

"You love me, Lucy?" he whispered; "give me the joy of hearing it. I can scarcely yet credit my own happiness."

"I have loved you from the first, Vivian. Through all changes I loved you—only you."

"And now?"

"Now and always; to the hour of my death."

"For love there is no death!" he answered.

(The End.)

SLEEPING SICKNESS.

Parasite Found and It Is Spread by Flies.

The investigations by the British governmental commission sent to Uganda have resulted in the discovery of the cause of the sleeping sickness, which has caused so many thousand deaths among the natives. Buvuma Island, which had a population of 22,000, has now but 8,000. The southern province of Busoga has been practically depopulated.

The first step in the discovery was the observation of trypanosomes in the cerebro-spinal fluid in five cases of the sleeping sickness. A further investigation showed the existence of this parasite in the cerebro-spinal fluid and in the circulating blood in all of the cases. As it is closely related to the disease of cattle caused by the tsetse fly, it was suspected that the sleeping sickness was caused in like manner by infection.

Along the lake shore numbers of species of the tsetse fly were found. Experiment demonstrated the fact that these, when fed on sleeping sickness cases, conveyed the disease to healthy monkeys. It was also ascertained that freshly caught flies in the infected areas conveyed the disease without any preliminary artificial feeding. Further investigation proved that this fly, like the tsetse of South Africa, is confined to well defined areas which correspond absolutely with the distribution of the sleeping sickness.

The fly which conveys the fatal trypanosoma is the Glossin palpalis. The extinction of it, as of the mosquito in malaria areas, together with the discovery of a serum or trypanosomicide, is now looked for to eradicate the disease.

ABOUT FEAR.

Often Comes From Lack of Right Food.

Napoleon said that the best fed soldiers were his best soldiers. For fear and nervousness come quickly when the stomach is not nourished. Nervous fear is a sure sign that the body is not supplied with the right food.

A Connecticut lady says: "For many years I had been a sufferer from indigestion and heart trouble and in almost constant fear of sudden death, the most acute suffering possible. Dieting brought on weakness, emaciation and nervous exhaustion and I was a complete wreck physically and almost a wreck mentally."

"I tried many foods but could not avoid the terrible nausea followed by vomiting that came after eating until I tried Grape-Nuts. This food agreed with my palate and stomach from the start. This was about a year ago. Steadily and surely change from sickness to health came until now I have no symptoms of dyspepsia and can walk 10 miles a day without being greatly fatigued."

I have not taken a drop of medicine since I began the use of Grape-Nuts and people say I look many years younger than I really am."

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SINGING INSECTS.

Among the natural curiosities of Japan are its singing insects. The most prized of these tiny musicians is a black beetle named "sugumushi," which means "direct bell." The sound that it emits resembles that of a little silver bell of the sweetest and most delicate tone.

FRENCH PEOPLE IN BRITAIN.

There are 26,600 French in Great Britain and Ireland, more than three-fourths of the number being in London. The business most followed among these is cooking. An English landlady is proud to have French cooks are valued in England.

ON THE FARM.

PRUNING THE APPLE.

In pruning a fruit-bearing plant like the apple, attention must be given not only to the height and formation of the head, but to the removal of wood as well. The apple bears its fruit on spurs which are themselves developed from wood one year or more of age. For that reason, therefore, the removal of wood which carries fruit spurs reduces the crop the tree is capable of bearing. This then, is a practicable way of thinning the fruit. Besides accomplishing this result, pruning can be used to lessen the annual growth and force the energy of the plant which would naturally be used in making wood to the fruit, thus increasing its size or making the tree to carry a larger quantity than would be possible were a normal wood growth permitted.

FORMING THE HEAD.

Modern orchardists have come to look upon the low-headed tree as more desirable than those headed high. A head which is 2 1/2 to 3 feet from the ground is at present considered more desirable than one which is 6 feet or more from the ground. The latter has been formerly frequently used. In forming the head care should be taken to have the framework branches disposed at different heights along the body of the tree—say from 3 to 6 inches apart, and distributed as evenly as possible around the body as a central axis, that is, when viewed from above the picture presented would be that of a wheel, the hub being the central axis of the tree and the framework branches representing the spokes.

MAIN BRANCHES.

For an apple tree three branches are considered the ideal number. More may be left upon some varieties particularly those which are strong growers, and upon trees which have a well-developed root system at planting time. If, however, the roots have been badly mutilated in removing the tree from the nursery, it will be safer to reduce the number to three rather than to maintain a larger number. These main framework branches upon the ordinary first-class nursery tree should not be more than 10 or 12 inches in length. At the close of the first season's growth after planting, each one of these three framework branches should be considered as though it were a separate nursery tree and if possible three subdivisions of this should be maintained for the wood supply of the second year, the three branches retained being cut back to about one-third their original length as those originally held by the tree as planted in the first place. This operation should be repeated each succeeding year. By so doing a symmetrical development can be maintained and by cutting to an outside or an inside bud the habit of the tree can be modified so as to make it upright or spreading in character. Some trees are normally upright in their habit of growth, while others are spreading. This must be borne in mind and the character of the variety under treatment in cutting the branches so that they will be upright or spreading according to the desire of the planter.

EFFECT OF CUTTING BACK.

This frequent cutting back of the branches of the tree while it is young prevents the long bare branches which are so characteristic of old cord trees. It also prevents the tree from growing too tall—a condition which makes it difficult to gather the fruit or to spray the tree. With the low-headed trees less pruning is necessary than with trees having long framework branches. The load of fruit is carried nearer the trunk, and the main structural branches being larger in proportion to the load, are therefore better able to carry any load of fruit which the tree may develop.

ANNUAL AND BIENNIAL CROPS.

Judicious pruning, as has been pointed out, not only facilitates the work of cultivation and spraying, but at the same time determines to a very considerable extent the fruiting habits of the tree, that is the quantity of bearing wood which a tree carries can be modified by pruning so that it will be practically impossible for the tree to retain more fruit in any given season than the root is capable of supplying with a proper amount of nourishment. With such a balance between the fruit-bearing wood of the tree and its root-system maintained, biennial crops will be more costly. Orchardists in general are coming to believe that the reason for the biennial crop in many orchards is due to the fact that during the crop year the trees are allowed to overbear, and that the resulting loss of vitality is therefore so much reduced that it is impossible for them to carry a satisfactory crop the succeeding year. The thinning of the fruit with the result that the crop is borne each year, has convinced practical growers that overbearing is the cause of the biennial fruit production.

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WINTER READING.

There are many new and valuable facts discovered every week. All are not applicable to your conditions, but many of them are just the thing you need to know to enable you to compete in the industrial world with reasonable prospects of success.

It is not necessary that you try all of the get-rich-quick schemes that are suggested, but ideas suggested by practical men of experience are well worthy of your notice. When some man claims he has a variety of grain which will yield more per acre than common grain, it is worth looking up, and when you read in the market report that some man marketed a car load of fat cattle at a high price you might well consider whether or not you could produce that kind of cattle at a profit. To be sure, all farmers are not so situated as to permit of the same kind of farming, but every farm is so situated that with the tastes and the abilities of its present owner, some kind of farming will be remunerative in enjoyment and material wealth than any other, and until you have discovered that particular kind of farming and inaugurated it into your system you are not at your best. Papers, magazines, experiment station reports, farmers' bulletins, Farmers' Institute annuals, conventions, meetings, etc., and above all observation and strict application to business, will help you to decide what is really the best plan for you to follow.

It is rather inconvenient to file papers to keep as reference, but it is a very simple matter to clip out the desirable parts or the thing in which you are most interested. These clippings may be placed in large envelopes, each class of information in a separate envelope properly labeled and filed; this will give you a quick and convenient way of getting good papers, will in the course of a year furnish a great source of information.

We have a long winter before us with many long evenings, which can very profitably be spent in reading and studying.

By reading and finding out what other people are doing and thinking about it one is constantly brought to see his conditions from different points of view. This helps one to fully realize his position as to ability and opportunity, and most certainly help in making the final decision as to what is best to do. Then when one has decided what his circumstances and abilities best adapt him to follow, he will find help in accomplishing that which he has set out to do by reading about and studying methods pursued by others who are doing the same thing.

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BOY KING'S PALACE.

Where Alfonso Lives and How They Guard Him.

The Infanta Isabella, aunt of the king, a widow of 60 years of age, or so, and the most popular person in Spain, formerly had a large suite of apartments on the main floor of the palace, but with her usual delicacy and thoughtfulness she vacated them after the recent coronation in order that they might be ready for the Queen mother in case the king should marry. Isabella now lives in a private palace within a few blocks of the royal residence and is a daily visitor there.

The young King and his mother have large suites on the front of the palace facing the city, and the location of their bedrooms is indicated by the invariable palm leaves attached to the balcony, according to the Spanish custom. You will see, similar palm leaves hanging to the balconies of nearly all the residences in town, those of the poor as well as the rich. A sheet of white paper tied to the balcony means that the room is for rent. This means that it is the sleeping chamber of a pious Catholic, who brought it home from church on the last Palm Sunday and placed it there to keep away evil spirits, diseases and misfortunes. It remains there the entire year until the next anniversary, when a new palm leaf from the blessing of the priest, is substituted.

The King has very comfortable quarters, much more homelike than are usually found in royal palaces. He has a series of drawing-rooms, a dining room larger than that at the White House at Washington, a library with about 6,000 volumes up on the shelves, mostly modern publications and current literature in all the European languages; a music room, a smoking room, a billiard room, gymnasium and study, which is also used as an office.

His sleeping chamber is large and airy and contains two beds, one of which is occupied by his private secretary or one of his tutors, or aides, as they are termed since the coronation—Major Lorja, Major Castellon or Count Andino. He is never allowed to sleep alone, and in an adjoining room sleeps the Duke of a venerable viceroy, while two of his bodyguards are always in the ante-room which must be passed before his chamber is reached.

Some of these rooms are occupied in common with the Queen mother, but she has her own suite of five or six rooms adjoining, with access to the flat roof of a long wing which is occupied by the guards and the attendants, or superintendents of the palace. This is arranged so that during any bad weather, and weather other and is decorated with palms and other plants and flowers. It also gives the King and the Queen an opportunity for exercise, the roof being about 400 feet long and forty feet wide.

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Winter Fair at Ottawa.

The Eastern Ontario Live Stock and Poultry Show will be held at Ottawa some time during the coming winter. Last year was the first time anything of the kind was attempted in Eastern Ontario, and the results were very gratifying to those interested. It was held, however, under great disadvantages, owing to lack of room, and proper accommodation in other respects.

This year the city of Ottawa has decided to supply buildings specially fitted up. There will be ample room for beef, cattle, sheep and swine, in the main exhibition room with special stabling for dairy cattle. The properly heated and lecture room will seat about twelve hundred and a special room will also be provided for cooling and exhibiting the dressed carcasses. The poultry will have accommodation in a well lighted exhibition room in the second story.

While no effort will be spared to make the exhibition in all departments as good and as large as possible, the main efforts will be spent in providing a practical course of demonstration lectures respecting breeding, feeding and marketing live stock and poultry. These lectures will be illustrated with live animals and dressed carcasses. This course will be followed in all departments. This is the main object of holding the exhibition—the dissemination of practical information. It is these features which have made the Guelph show what it is and it is these features which will make the eastern show of practical value to the agricultural community in that portion of the province.

In order that the lessons may be as valuable as possible and have as wide a distribution as possible, it is necessary that there should be a large exhibit in all departments and that there should be a good attendance of those in whose interests the exhibition is specially held.

The prize list and classification as arranged last year will probably be used. The prizes are sufficiently large to induce exhibitors to prepare for the exhibition, and it is to be hoped that as many as possible in the eastern portion of the province will take sufficient interest in the show to do what they can to make it a success both in the number of exhibits and in the attendance.

Cigarettes or Success.

A school journal devoted to physiology tells of a boy who wished to be a doctor. His uncle, who was an eminent surgeon, said to him: "If you want to be a successful specialist in surgery, you will have to give up baseball, for it is hardening and stiffening your hands, and destroying the delicate touch you will need in surgery."

The boy, who would rather play a game of ball than eat his dinner any day, decided that to be a great surgeon was better than to be a good ball-player, and he gave up the good for the best.

Not every boy would be compelled to make such a choice, but, as the paper goes on to say, the choice comes in other ways.

With hundreds of boys it is between cigarettes and success. School work in physiology shows boys that whatever enjoinment a boy may get out of sucking narcotic fumes from a paper tube, he has to pay for in future failures in business, when he rubs against the boy or man whose brain is clear, and whose heart is not weakened by the cigarette.—Junior Christian Endeavor World.

Most of us will pass as fairly good looking if we can only keep the street between us and others. Close contact plays havoc with the enamel and brings out all the marks of the crow's feet. You have to sleep with people to know them, and nine times out of ten either party will discover that the other is not worth knowing after the experiment is tried a few times. We are a job lot, and the bargains in the bunch are as scarce as hen's teeth. The man who values his friends and wants to hold his own self-respect will keep much to himself. The fellow who thrusts himself eternally upon his friends is sure to be dumped on the rubbish heap of boredom. We appreciate the people who know enough to leave us alone. The fellow whose nose is eternally pushed into our sorrows and joys, and who invades the privacy of our home as persistently as the freedom of the store, becomes an insufferable nuisance. Give your neighbor a chance. He will come after your friendship, if you do not make it too cheap. "Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbor's house, lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee."

Speaking of Canada's defenses at the Canadian Club at Ottawa, the Hon. Clifford Sifton said:—"I would like to see the adoption of the Swiss system, under which upon showing proficiency every young man gets the present of a rifle, which he hangs over his bed and produces once a year to show that it is in good order. With a population of ten millions, of whom a million were trained riflemen, we would make it interesting for any people who invaded this country."

Five hundred hogs were burned in a fire which burned the pigery and other buildings belonging to Mr. Wm. Caldwell, near the town of Galt, on Friday last. Loss \$12,000. Insurance \$6500.

Japan and Russia are not yet at war, but the struggle appears to be always drawing nearer. British officers have left for the East for the purpose of attaching themselves to the Japanese army and watching operations.

Kipling Wanted His Breakfast.

Rudyard Kipling once visited Cecil Rhodes at Lekkerwijn, one of his farms at Paarl, South Africa. One morning Rhodes went round his farm before breakfast, leaving his guest, who was not so energetic, behind. Time went on, and Rhodes did not appear. Hunger soon roused Kipling to action, and in a short while he was very busy on his own account. As Rhodes returned he found his trees bearing a new kind of fruit in the shape of placards inscribed in huge black letters with "Famine!" "We are starving!" "Feed us!" etc. On reaching the front door he was confronted with the following, in still larger type: "For the human race—Breakfast tones the mind, invigorates the body. It has sustained thousands; it will sustain you. See that you get it." Then in the house, on every available wall, he came across other mysterious placards, in more and more pathetic appeal, "Why die when a little breakfast prolongs life?" Larger and larger grew the type, "It is late; it is still later," leading at last into the little breakfast room, where he found Kipling reading his paper in peaceful innocence, but very hungry. It did not need much ingenuity to guess the author of these broadsides.

A Heroic Physician.

A deadly plague was raging in the city of Marseilles. The doctors could do nothing, for very little was known of the disease, owing to the danger surrounding any inquiry into it. In a council among themselves they came to the conclusion that the corpse of a victim must be dissected, but it would be death to the operator. Upon this being decided a celebrated physician, one of their number, arose and declared that for the safety of his country he would give himself up to the task. He then immediately left the room, made his will and arranged his affairs. At day-break on the following morning he entered the house where a man had just died of the plague. Here he made a complete examination of the body, performed the necessary operations and wrote down all he observed. When this was completed he left the house, threw the notes he had made into vinegar that they might not carry infection and retired to a lonely spot. There he died within twelve hours.

The Sham Sailor.

It happened at the Mansion House police court. A man who claimed to be a sailor and who said that he had been badly injured through an accident at sea was charged with begging in the city. The chief magistrate caught sight of a bluejacket in court and, addressing him, said, "You might please ask this man some questions to find out if he is a sailor or whether he is an impostor." The naval man stood up, and, looking at the prisoner, asked, "Can you tell me how many yards of canvas there are on the mainsheet?" After some consideration the sham nautical man replied, "I think about sixty yards." It only remained for the real tar to explain to the magistrate that the mainsheet was a rope and not a sail for the beggar to be convicted.—Golden Penny.

When a Peanut Sprouts.

"Few persons are perhaps aware that a thing of beauty is a common peanut plant growing singly in a six or eight inch pot and grown indoors during the colder weather," said a florist. "Kept in a warm room or by the kitchen stove, a peanut kernel planted in a pot of loose, mellow loam and only moderately moistened will soon germinate and grow up into a beautiful plant, extending its branches over the pot."

"The leaves close together like the leaves of a book on the approach of night or when a shower begins to fall upon them. The plant bears tiny yellow flowers. There is nothing else just like it."

Too Much For Him.

Voltaire could not speak much English. The reason why he refused to study the language is this: It was drilled into him that "plague" was pronounced "plaig," which he thought very pretty and acceptable. But right on top of it he was introduced to "ague," which his teacher said must be called "a-gue." Finding it impossible to reconcile the difference, he went off into a philosophical tantrum and dropped the study.

The Real Effort.

"It is very hard," said the girl with the new suit, "for a girl not to appear to be trying to attract attention." "It is a great deal harder," asserts the girl with the red trimmed hat, "for her to attract attention and give the appearance of not trying to make an effort to have it appear that she is not trying to attract attention."

Cute Boy.

Widow Eames—How would my little Johnny like a new papa? Johnny (aged five)—Oh, you needn't shove the 'sponsibility on me, ma. It isn't a new papa for me, but a new husband for yourself, that you are thinking about.

No Annoyance.

The wife of a well known landlord in Ireland once received a letter from a disaffected tenant warning her that her husband would certainly be shot, but that "nothing would be done to injure or annoy her."

A Feat.

Baxter—You have heard of a man biting off his nose to spite his face? Xarley—Yes, but I never have seen it done. I have known a man to kick one of his hands out of doors, however.

Borrow trouble if you will, but don't pay it back.

Early Combines and Corners.

"Engrossing" was an offense punishable in England by fine and imprisonment, and the laws against it struck at those called "engrossers"—who planned to gain control over necessities, such as grain or food stuffs in considerable quantities, either by purchase or otherwise, with the intention of raising prices.

The statute book holds quite a series of enactments designed to prevent anything in the nature of what we know as a "corner" or "combine." "Engrossing" was a criminal offense, and so was "forestalling." The former consisted of buying and selling the same day in the same market or near it, and the latter implied the purchase of merchandise on the way to market or before the hour at which the market commenced, with the intention of selling at a profit, while it was also "forestalling" to circulate rumors calculated to raise the prices of commodities.

Though these laws have fallen into desuetude, they were in force in our grandfathers' time. At Preston, for instance, there were prosecutions almost up to the accession of Queen Victoria.

Poisonous Baby Snakes.

The young of the poisonous species of serpents, deserted from the very first by the parent snakes, are as dangerous as if full grown from the moment they enter the world. The proprietor of a Philadelphia museum learned this to his cost. In a big glass case partitioned through the middle by a wire screen there lived side by side an eleven foot anaconda (of the constrictor family) and a colony of cotton mouth moccasins. It was impossible for the moccasins to glide through the narrow meshes of the screen or even to venture an occasional "strike" at their large and peaceful neighbor. But during the night a brood of young cotton mouths unexpectedly appeared—babies, not five inches long. They squirmed through the meshes of the partition and before they had been two hours in this world were gliding joyfully over the lifeless body of the huge constrictor, which lay poisoned by the youngsters' fangs.

Wesley on Wedlock.

In an interesting little tract on "Marriage" by John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, all the duties of a wife are summed up in two rules—namely, that she must recognize herself as the inferior of her husband and that she must behave as such. These were John Wesley's theories, and that his practice may have been somewhat similar is shown by the following sentence from a letter to his wife: "Be content to be a private, insignificant person, known and loved by God and me." John Wesley's opinions on this subject were perhaps the fruit of his experience, but it is also possible that they were a cause rather than an effect, and that the thoroughness of his marital relations may have been in a measure traceable thereto.

A Sarcastical Retort.

Some curious anecdotes are related of Hermann Zumpe, the Wagnerian conductor at Munich. He was well known to be a spiritualist and believed that the ghosts of dead composers inspired his conducting of their works. One day Zumpe told another conductor of note how Beethoven's spirit was present during the performance of one of the symphonies, and so pleased was the ghost that after the end of the first movement he exclaimed, "At last!" "Ah, my dear fellow," exclaimed the other conductor, "surely Beethoven made a mistake. He thought it was the end of the last movement."

Queer Uses of English.

No man living perhaps can pronounce the English language aright at all times and in all places, for correctness depends largely on time and place, and sometimes to be right you must be wrong. As soon as you step on ship-board and sail, the horizon, being clear and definite, sheds the need for a long "I," and as sea routes are always called a "row," the cavalry, by long standing tradition, calls a horse an "orse," and the order is "stand to 'orses."—London Globe.

Chattel Mortgages.

A man who gives a chattel mortgage should always examine it carefully to make sure it is not "on demand." Sharp money lenders who loan funds on chattel mortgages often try to have this clause inserted, and when it is the borrower may expect to part with his chattels at almost any moment. It is a trick by which advantage is often taken of the unwary.

A Life Saver.

"You seem to have a great liking for large words," "Well, sur," answered Mr. Erastus Pinkley. "I once knew a man whose life was saved by a big word. He once told me that I prevaricated, an' by de time I found out what dat word meant it wore too late for me to hit him."

Just One Trip.

"What? Going out again tonight?" began Mrs. Nagg. "Oh, no; just this once," replied her husband, with aggravating cheerfulness. "It will be too late when I get back to go out again."

When Other Eyes Meet Mine.

"Love is blind," he complained. "That ought not to worry you," she said encouragingly, "because we have eyes only for each other."

The man who is always talking about how much work he does should remember that some people work so hard that they don't have time to tell about it.—Aitchison Globe.

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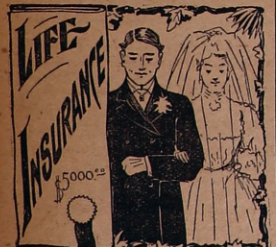
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LOCAL MATTERS.

Is Stirling to have a skating rink this winter?

The County Council is in session at Belleville.

Sine creamery took in 25,000 pounds of milk on Friday last.

Another 100 yards of heavy Frelze for ladies suits and skirts, at 60c., special, at Ward's.

The snow storm of yesterday has made fairly good sleighing.

Mr. E. F. Parker has been appointed clerk of the village of Stirling in the place of the late John S. Black.

It is rumored that Mr. Wm. Rodgers and Mr. Jas. Whitton will be contestants for the reevehip of Rawdon.

Rawdon Council will meet at the Town Hall, Harold, on Monday next, Dec. 15th, at 8 o'clock, a.m., sharp.

Look in at Ward's for practical Xmas gifts.

The County Court opened on Tuesday at Belleville. There were no criminal cases, and but one jury case.

Mrs. Benj. Gilbert, of Sidney, died on Tuesday evening last, aged 95 years and 7 months. One of her sons is Mr. R. P. Gilbert, of Toronto, formerly of this village.

All municipal Councils are required by statute to meet on Tuesday next, the 15th inst., to close up the year's business to that date, and prepare a statement to present to the ratepayers.

Men's and Boys' Overcoats at Ward's.

On account of but little grain coming in now, Mr. Wm. Rodgers wishes to inform the public that he will be at the Elevator in Stirling only three days each week, Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

The revival services at Carmel are proving very successful. The pastor, Rev. J. C. Bell, is conducting them, and is well sustained by the membership of the church. Over twenty have professed conversion.

You should see Ward's ready-to-wear clothing.

Mr. Asahel Mott, a highly respected farmer of Thurlow, died on Sunday morning last. He was 54 years of age, and leaves a widow and one son. Deceased was a brother of the late James Mott, of this village.

The Conservative Convention for East Hastings, held at Madoc on Thursday last, was largely attended. Mr. Northup, of Belleville, the present M.P. for East Hastings, received the unanimous nomination for the new riding.

Anniversary Services in connection with Mount Pleasant Methodist Church will be held on Sunday, Dec. 20th. Services conducted at 10.30, a.m., and 7, p.m., by Rev. T. P. Steel, of Hastings. A free-will thankoffering at each service.

The annual entertainment and Christmas Tree of Salem Sunday School will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd. A first class programme is being prepared. Doors open at 6 p.m. Admission, 10c. and 25c.

The Farmers' Institute meetings in the Music Hall last Friday afternoon and evening were not as largely attended as they deserved. The speakers were first class, and their subjects were handled in an instructive and interesting manner. The farmers of this vicinity, as well as others, should take more interest in these meetings.

On Friday last the Conservative Convention for West Hastings was held at Marmora. Mr. E. Gus Porter, the present member for West Hastings, was nominated as the candidate, and will likely be elected without opposition. Mr. J. Earl Halliwell was elected president of the Association, and Mr. W. S. Martin Treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Conley returned from the Northwest last week. Mr. Conley had been away about seven months, having left here about the first of May. He reports that he had been very successful in his farming operations, having raised a large quantity of first class wheat, for which he obtained an average of about 71 cents per bushel.

The Auction Sale of the household furniture, etc., of Mr. John Green, Sine, yesterday, was postponed on account of the storm, and will take place on Thursday next, Dec. 17th. As there is a large amount of first class furniture to dispose of, the sale will commence at 10 o'clock, a.m., sharp. Lunch will be served at noon.

We regret to learn that Mr. Jas. Milne and family are about to remove from Stirling. They leave next week for Aurora, where Mr. Milne takes charge, as superintendent, of a stock farm owned by R. C. Clute, K. C., of Toronto, and situated about a mile from the village. Mr. Milne is one of the oldest residents of Stirling, and he and his family will be much missed in the community.

The Stirling Public Library will be open to the public on Tuesday evening, Dec. 15th, from 7 to 9. Rooms over the Post-Office.

"It pays to use printer's ink," is the unsolicited testimony of one of the enterprising farmers of this vicinity who has used the columns of the News-Argus for the past year, advertising various properties, for which the advertisement has brought purchasers. He is well satisfied with the results. It would pay many of the farmers to use the columns of the local paper freely to make known what animals or articles they may have to sell. A small advertisement costs but little, and may be the means of a ready sale.

Stirling, Dec. 8th, 1903.
JOHN SHAW, ESQ.,
Secretary of Stirling Band.

MY DEAR JOHN,—Will you convey to the members of the Stirling Band our heartfelt appreciation of the thoughtful services rendered by them at the funeral of my late father, when they played the cortege from the house to the cemetery.

The presence of the band on that occasion contributed a degree of solemnity and pathos to the exercises that greatly touched us all. The music was most appropriate and was rendered with evident feeling.

For this kind and loving tribute on the part of the band to the memory of my lamented father, I sincerely thank you and them on behalf of mother and the family. I remain,
Yours sincerely,
JNO. M. BLACK.

\$1,000 for an Idea.

Here is a chance for our readers. To any person who can suggest premiums that can be adopted and will prove more popular and greater value than the two pictures, "Heart Broken" and "Hard to Choose," and the quick reference coloured map of the Dominion with enlarged maps of this province, which are this year given with The Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal, the publishers of that great Weekly will pay one thousand dollars. This year's premiums are certainly immense value, and will be hard to surpass. However, there is \$1,000 waiting for any one who can improve on them.

County and District Items.

Campbellford has now a free reading room entirely separate from the Public Library.

Local option by-laws will be submitted to the ratepayers of Sidney and Thurlow townships at the ensuing municipal election.

A charter has been granted for a gold mining company to operate in the township of Grimsthorpe, where valuable gold-bearing ore is said to exist, and of a kind that is easily worked.

A petition from eighty-eight ladies of the village of Tweed was presented to the Council asking that local option by-law submitted to be voted on at the municipal election. A majority of the Council at first were in favor of it, but later one changed his mind, and the by-law will not be submitted.

The Madoc Review strongly urges the Village Council to go into the lighting of the village by electricity. It states that competent engineers have said there is sufficient power at Glen Lewis, foot of Moira Lake. Even if there should not be water power, the Review argues that Madoc can afford to pay for a first class steam plant, and says "no self-respecting, progressive corporation should be denied the use of electric light."

Stanley Archer, a seven-year-old boy of Frankford, was accidentally shot by his brother Friday afternoon, and died at the hospital at Belleville, Saturday morning. The elder lad was shooting at a sparrow with a rifle, and just as he pulled the trigger Stanley stepped out from behind a tree, where he had been unknown to his brother, the bullet striking the little fellow in the lower part of the throat, taking a downward course and lodging in the backbone.

Madoc township electors will be asked to vote at the same time as the municipal elections, to do away with the present mode of statute labor, which is considered, to a great extent, labor thrown away. Instead thereof, they will be required, if the by-law carries, to pay at the rate of 75 cents per day for the number of days for which they are liable, into the municipal treasury, and the Council will then order and control and pay for, all road work performed in the township. It has been tried and worked very successfully in municipalities, and might be a good thing for Madoc. At least the Council is progressive in the matter of giving the ratepayers an opportunity of expressing their views on this important matter.—Madoc Review.

Madoc Review:—"A surprise was sprung on Madoc cheesemen during the past week by the receipt of a notice from F. W. Brenton, of Belleville, a heavily buying firm during the past season, that they were unable to meet their liabilities and therefore could not pay in full for recent purchases of cheese. It came as a bolt out of the blue to those factors that were interested, as F. W. Brenton was considered to be a safe and reliable dealer. Mr. Brenton's offer to his creditors was to pay them at the rate of 65 cents per pound for all cheese for which he was owing. The same cheese had been originally bought by his buyers at 100c. There is apparently nothing for it but to accept, and we believe the losers are doing so philosophically. We understand some four or five factories on the Madoc Board are interested, more or less."

The British Government will introduce measures at the next session of Parliament to exclude undesirable aliens.

The Canadian Express Company this year handled from the district south of North Bay the remarkable number of 2,950 deer carcasses. The figures somewhat surprised the officials of the company, as it was generally believed that this year's hunting had not yielded the return of the previous year. As it was 692 more deer were shipped from the district mentioned than last year.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral
For hard colds, bronchitis, asthma, and coughs of all kinds, you cannot take anything better than Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Ask your own doctor if this is not so. He uses it. He understands why it soothes and heals.
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You will hasten recovery by taking one of Ayer's Pills at bedtime.

Pointed Paragraphs.
Reduced circumstances are the kind that alter cases.

Better a small piece of pumpkin pie than a whole humble pie.

Thermometers, like baseball players, are now left out in the cold.

Much of the pen's boasted mightiness is due to the lowly inkwell.

Many a candidate for office is not as immaculate as he is wetwashed.

Executive ability is the capacity for making some other fellow paddle your canoe.

A woman's idea of an annexationist is a man who has been married three times.

Any man who smiles when he pays his taxes is too good for this wicked world.

Nature often lets a genius in on the ground floor, but necessity compels him to dwell in the attic.

Women laugh when they are in love for the same reason that cowards whistle—to keep up their courage.

A man is beginning to lose confidence in his theories when he is unwilling to listen to arguments against them.

Many a man will notice a decided coldness on the part of his annexed rib this winter if that sealskin sack is not forthcoming.

It cost \$220,000 to print the last annual report of the United States Secretary of Agriculture, which makes it the most costly Governmental publication in the world.

The Centenary of the founding of the British and Foreign Bible Society will be celebrated by a Universal Bible Sunday, on the 6th of March next. The increased interest in Bible Society work in Canada has found expression in a monthly journal, called the BIBLE SOCIETY BULLETIN, just issued by the Upper Canada Bible Society, Toronto, at 10 cents a year. It is an illustrated, 16 page paper, and contains a number of facts and figures showing the wonderful work done by the Bible Society in translating and publishing the Bible in the last hundred years. Sample copies are sent free.

PLUM GROVE FACTORY.
The annual meeting of Plum Grove Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory, on Saturday, Dec. 19th, at one o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of paying dividends, electing officers, engaging cheesemaker, and any other business that may be brought before the meeting.
FRED. FANNING, Pres.

HAROLD CHEESE FACTORY.
The annual meeting of Harold Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory, on Saturday, Dec. 12th, at one o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of paying dividends, letting milk routes, and any other business connected with the factory.
JOHN TANNER, Pres.

STIRLING CHEESE FACTORY.
The annual meeting of the Stirling Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held in the factory, on Friday, Dec. 11th, at one o'clock, p.m., for paying dividends, electing officers, selling milk routes, hiring cheesemaker, and any other business that may be brought before the company.
G. W. GREEN, Pres.

SHAMROCK CHEESE FACTORY
The annual meeting of the Shamrock Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory, on Saturday, Dec. 12th, at one o'clock, p.m., for the election of officers, paying dividends, hiring cheesemaker and other general business.
J. W. SAGER, Pres.

Enterprise Cheese Factory.
The annual meeting of Enterprise Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held in the factory, on Saturday, Dec. 12th, at one o'clock, p.m., for the election of officers, paying dividends, hiring cheesemaker, and any other business that may be brought before the meeting.
W. T. SINE, Pres.

Central Cheese Manufacturing Co.
The annual meeting of the Central Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory, on Tuesday, Dec. 15th, at one o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of paying dividends, electing officers, and any other business that may come before the meeting.
Also, tenders will be received for cheese making for the ensuing season. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
GEO. A. JOHNSON, Pres.

Tenders Wanted.
Tenders will be received, for the erection of a Brick School House for S. S. No. 13 in the township of Hastings, until Dec. 21st, A.D. 1903. Plans and specifications may be seen at the residence of G. A. Snarr, at Harold. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
G. A. SNARR, Sec.-Treas.,
S. S. No. 13, Harold.

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Men's Kid Gloves and Mitts, Driving Mitts, Wool Gloves and Mitts. Our values are pocket catchers.

FLANNELETTS AND SHIRTINGS.—In these our assortment is very large, and you can save money when buying at this store. Our prices range from 5c. to 15c. yd.

FLANNELETTE SHEETS.—We have some at very low figures. You all want them. And now is the time to buy when they are cheap.

TABLE LINENS AND TOWELLINGS.—At 25c. we have a winner, 62 inches. At 35c., something you all want for the money. At 45c., very special value, 64 inches. At 50c., pure linen, bleached. At 75c. and \$1.00, with napkins to match.

TABLE NAPKINS.—We have them to suit, in price and quality. TOWELLINGS from 4c. yd. and upwards.

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR.—We don't need to mention our values. Ask to see them when here. Our values talk for these goods, and we want you all to see them before buying elsewhere.

LADIES' STOCK COLLARS.—All new this week, and something you will want when you see our large assortment, at prices from 25c. to \$1.00. ea. All of the very latest styles.

LADIES' WRAPPERS.—We have mentioned very little about them before, and now our stock is most complete. Now is the time every lady wants one, and G. N. Montgomery's is the place to buy.

LADIES' FLANNELETTE UNDERWEAR is going fast. We have some odd lines and they must be cleared out to make room for our Xmas goods. Special bargains.

FANCY TABLE SPREADS AND BED QUILTS.—Our values are the best made and prices cap them all.

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PURE AND FRESH.

Don't forget when coming to town with your Poultry, Dried Apples, Butter and Eggs, where to go. Try G. N. MONTGOMERY. You will be more than satisfied with his values.

Try his 25c. Tea. He has something very special. You cannot get any better.

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THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese, and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—Wheat—The market is quiet for Ontario grades, and prices firm. No. 2 white and red winter quoted at 78 to 78½c low freight; No. 2 spring is quoted at 73c east, and No. 2 goos at 70 to 71c. Manitoba wheat is steady. At 71c. Upper lake ports No. 1 Northern is quoted at 89c, and No. 2 Northern at 84c. No. 1 hard nominal at 90 to 90½c lake ports. For grinding in transit quotations are 6c higher than above.

Oats.—The market is quiet, with prices unchanged. No. 2 white is quoted at 27½c west, and at 28 to 28½c middle freights. No. 1 white, 29c east.

Barley.—The market is dull, with the price steady. No. 2 quoted at 41c middle freights; No. 3 extra at 39c, and No. 3 at 37c middle freights.

Rye.—The market is quiet, with prices steady. Cars are quoted at 52 to 52½c middle freights.

Pears.—Trade is dull, and prices unchanged. No. 2 white quoted at 61½c middle freights, and at 62½c east.

Corn.—The market is quiet, and prices unchanged. No. 2 yellow American quoted at 53½c on track, Toronto; No. 3 yellow at 52½c, and No. 3 mixed at 51½c, Toronto.

Buckwheat.—The market is quiet, with fair demand. No. 2 quoted at 43 to 43½c east.

Flour.—Ninety per cent. patents are steady at \$3.05 middle freights. Straight buyers' sacks, for export. Straight buyers' of special brands for domestic trade quoted as follows: No. 1 patents, \$4.55 to \$4.65; No. 2 patents, \$4.25 to \$4.35, and strong bakers', \$4.15 to \$4.25 on track, Toronto.

Milled Bran.—Bran steady at \$16.50, and shorts at \$18.50 here. At out, side patents bran is quoted at \$17.50 to \$14, and shorts at \$17.50. Manitoba bran, in sacks, \$18, and shorts at \$20 here.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples.—The market is fairly active at unchanged prices. Winter fruit quoted at \$1.75 to \$2 per bbl., in car lots, and at \$2 to \$2.50 in small quantities.

Beans.—There is a quiet trade, with prices steady. Prime beans are quoted at \$1.60 to \$1.75 bush.

Dried Apples.—The demand is fair, with prices unchanged at 4 to 4½c per lb.

Hops.—The market is fair at 29 to 30c.

Honey.—The market is firm at 6½ to 7c per lb. for bulk, and at \$1.25 to \$2 for comb. Choice clover honey, 7 to 7½c per lb.

Hay.—Demand is fair, with receipts only moderate. No. 1 timothy quoted at \$9.50 on track, Toronto, and mixed at \$6.50 to \$7.

Straw.—The market is quiet at \$5 per ton for car lots on track.

Potatoes.—The market rules firm, with light receipts. Car lots are quoted at 60 to 65c per bag on track.

Poultry.—The demand is fair, and offerings moderate. Turkeys are quoted at 11 to 12c per lb., and geese at 7 to 8c per lb.; ducks 9½ to 10c per lb., or 85c to \$1 per pair; chickens, 8½ to 9½c per lb., or 70 to 85c per pair; old hens, 50c per pair.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter.—Trade continues fairly active, but the supplies of choice qualities are limited. There is a good demand for line dairy tub, but little coming forward. We quote:—First 1-lb. rolls, 19 to 20c; choice large rolls, 16½ to 17½c; selected, dairy rolls, 17½ to 19c; secondary grades, 13 to 15c; creamery prints, 22 to 23c; solids, 19 to 20c.

Cheese.—Market firm. We quote:—Strictly new laid, 25c; fresh store gathered, 21 to 22c; and lined, 19c per dozen.

Butter.—Market quiet but steady. We quote:—Finest, 11 to 11½c; the latter for twins; seconds, 10½ to 10c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—Wheat is ½c lower, being now quoted at 79½c for No. 1 Northern, Port William; the diversity in flour quotations continues. Peas, 7½ to 72c adroit here; rye, 53c east, 58c adroit here; buckwheat, 52c east; oats, No. 2, 35½c in store; No. 3, 1c less; flaxseed, \$1.15 on track here; No. 3 barley, 50c. Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4.60 to \$4.80; seconds, \$4.30 to \$4.50; strong bakers', \$3.90 to \$4.30; Ontario straight rollers, \$3.90 to \$4; in bags, \$1.35 to \$1.95; patents, \$4 to \$4.25; extra, \$1.65 to \$1.70; rolled oats, \$1.80 per bag; \$3.20 per bbl. Feed—Ontario bran, in bulk, \$17.50 to \$18.50; shorts, \$20 to \$21; Manitoba bran in bags, \$18; shorts, \$20. Beans—Choice primes, \$1.50 to \$1.55 per bush; \$1.40 to \$1.50 in car lots. Provisions—Heavy Canadian short cut pork, \$19.50 to \$20; light short cut, \$18 to \$18.50; American short cut, \$17 to \$17.50; American fat backs, \$18 to \$18.50; compound lard, 8c; Canadian lard, 8 to 8½c; kettle rendered, 10½c; lard, 11½ to 13c; bacon, 14c; fresh killed abattoir hogs, \$7.25; country dressed hogs, \$6.50; dressed Chatham hogs, in car lots, \$6.25 to \$6.40; live hogs, 5c per lb. Eggs—Candled selected, 24 to 25c, and straight receipts, 20 to 21c; Montreal laid, 18 to 19c; refrigerator, 16 to 19c. Cheese—Ontario, 10½ to 10c; Townships, 10½ to 10c; Quebec (November), 10c. Butter—Townships creamy, 21c; Western dairy, in tubs, 16 to 16½c; Western rolls, 17 to 17½c.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Milwaukee, Dec. 8.—Wheat—Firm; No. 1 Northern, 83½ to 84c; No. 2

Northern, 81½ to 82½c. May, 80½c. Rye—Firm; No. 1, 56½c. Barley—Quiet; No. 2, 65c; sample, 40 to 58c. Corn—May, 4½c. St. Louis, Dec. 8.—Wheat closed—December, 90½c; May, 83½c.

Buffalo, Dec. 8.—Flour—Firm. Wheat—Spring firm; No. 1 Northern, carloads, 89c; winter strong; No. 2 red, 87c, through billed. Corn—Easy; old No. 2 yellow, 51½c; No. 2 corn, 50 to 50½c. Oats—Firm; No. 2 white, 40c; No. 2 mixed, 37½c. Barley—Western, 50 to 64c. Rye—No. 1, 61½c.

Minneapolis, Dec. 8.—Wheat—December, 79 to 79½c; May, 80½c, July, 80½c; on track, No. 1 hard, 85½c; No. 1 Northern, 80½c; No. 2 Northern, 80½c; No. 3 Northern, 73 to 76c. Flour—First patents, \$4.45 to \$4.55; second do, \$4.30 to \$4.40; first clear, \$3.30 to \$3.40; second clear, \$2.30 to \$2.40. Bran—In bulk, \$13.

CATTLE MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—A steady to firm market for good cattle, but a slow market for rough and common cattle. The price of slaughtering conditions at the City Cattle Market to-day. There was a heavy run, but everything was pretty well sold out, except perhaps two or three loads of very rough cattle, for which there seems to be no market just at present.

The day's run was 9 cars, with 1,333 head of cattle, 2,135 sheep and lambs, 1,000 hogs, and 41 calves. Export—The market continues firm for export cattle, with a good demand for choice quality. Buyers say they are prepared to pay up to \$4.90 or \$5 for extra choice export cattle. There were several fair loads offering to-day, but none quite up to requirements.

Butchers—There were butchers' cattle sold on the market to-day at \$4.75 and for another lot of butchers' the same offer was refused. These were exceptionally fancy cattle, a little early for the Christmas trade, but not heavy enough for export purposes. The regular run of butchers' cattle was not up to such a high standard of quality, but there were some good lots of butchers' cattle in the market, and prices were steady up to \$4 and \$4.25 for choice cattle. A lot of rough butchers' cattle were slow at easy prices.

Stockers—There are too many rough stockers and canners for requirements of the market just at present, and prices were low.

Sheep and Lambs—A good steady market for sheep and lambs, and the big run was all sold.

Hogs—There was no change in the quotations to-day.

Export, heavy \$4.50 to \$4.85
Export, light 3.80 to 4.00
Bulls, export, heavy,
cwt 3.75 to 4.25
do light 3.00 to 3.50
Feeders, 800 lbs. and upwards 3.00 to 3.60
Short keep, 1,100 lbs. 3.65 to 4.00

Stockers, 400 to 800 lbs. 2.50 to 3.12½
do 900 lbs. 2.75 to 3.50
Butchers' cattle, choice 3.65 to 4.00
do medium 3.30 to 3.50
do picked 4.00 to 4.50
do bulls 2.75 to 3.00
do rough 2.50 to 2.60

Light stock bulls, cwt 2.25 to 2.50
Milch cows 30.00 to 56.00
Hogs, best 4.65
do light 4.35
Sheep, export, cwt, 3.25 to 3.40
Lambs 4.00 to 4.20
Bucks 2.50 to 3.75
Culls 2.25 to 3.00
Calves, each 2.00 to 10.00

ENDED LIFE WITH RAZOR.

Frederick Bush Found Dead in Home at Niagara.

A Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., despatch says: Frederick Bush, an unmarried man, about 40 years of age, living alone, was found dead in his home here about 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. Not having been seen since Thursday last, the neighbors notified Chief of Police Reid, who forced an entrance and found Bush lying on the bed dead, a bloody razor on the window near by, and a pool of blood on the floor. A small vein on the left arm showed where an artery had been cut, and the man slowly bled to death. It is supposed that brooding over financial affairs prompted Bush to take his own life.

GIGANTIC POWER HOUSE.

Big Building at Niagara Will Cost Over \$400,000.

A Toronto despatch says: The Electric Development Company, which was all set for the Toronto and Niagara Power Company, will erect one of the largest power houses on the continent. The building will be of solid granite. It will be 425 feet long and 200 feet wide, and will cost \$400,000. Plans and specifications are being prepared by E. J. Lennox.

VALUABLE PARCEL LOST.

\$10,000 Disappear Between Winnipeg and Vancouver.

A Winnipeg despatch says: A parcel containing \$10,000 sent from a bank in Winnipeg to Vancouver has been lost. The parcel was sent from Winnipeg last week, but nothing definite can be learned of it. It was sent by mail.

FASTEST WARSHIP AFLOAT

One of Britain's New Purchases Makes 29.3 Kts.

A Glasgow despatch says: Speed trials for the Libertad, which, with her sister ship, the Constitution, has been sold to the British Government by the Chilean Government, has resulted in an average of 29.3 knots per hour, thus showing that she is the fastest battleship afloat.

A HAMILTON SHOOTING.

Frank Johnson Tries to Kill Two Men.

A Hamilton despatch says: Frank Johnson, a colored barber, 124 John street south, wound up a spree shortly before midnight on Saturday night by a shooting escapade that narrowly missed resulting in a tragedy. Nathaniel Moore, colored, 501 Main, who was employed in Johnson's shop, was at work late when Johnson entered the place and accused Moore of cheating him out of some of the money taken in that day. He thereupon drew a revolver and opened fire on his employee, a bullet taking effect in Moore's neck and going through into his shoulder. When Johnson was in charge of the shop, but was lying on a sofa in the hall. The employer immediately began to shoot in his direction. Fortunately for the prostrate man the two shots were fired wildly and the fatal injury to him was a finger of one hand. The crazed shooter then went into the kitchen in the rear of the shop and attempted to take his own life. He shot himself in the head, but this not proving fatal he tried the trick again. The second shot grazed his shoulder. When the revolver was empty he threw it down. Just as he did so Constables Barrett and Hasselvelt rushed in on him with revolvers in their hands ready for action. Johnson expressed regret that his "gun" contained no more cartridges, else he would kill the policemen. He and Moore were taken to the City hospital, where Moore's condition was found to be serious. Neither man was regarded as being fatally injured. The bullet entered Johnson's head high up and did not penetrate the skull. The bullet in Moore's neck has not been got out.

CORNER IN PEARS.

Chicago Has Stored the World's Supply of the Fruit.

A Chicago despatch says: A million and a quarter pears, said to be practically the world's present supply of the fruit, are stored in a warehouse in Chicago. A firm of South Water street fruit merchants are the owners of the pears, and are supposed to have a corner on the market. New York still has a few carloads of pears, but they will be exhausted within thirty days, and then the world must call on Chicago or do without pears. Already New York dealers are sending to Chicago for several days' orders. The pears have been shipped to Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, New Orleans, San Francisco, and even Liverpool. The price of winter pears is steady at \$3 and \$3.50 a box.

BUILDING IN MONTREAL.

The New Work This Year Is Worth \$4,500,000.

A Montreal despatch says:—The building inspector has prepared a report for the eleven months of the current year, showing that no less than \$4,500,000 has been spent on new buildings. This is a great increase over last year, when less than \$3,000,000 was spent. For the month of November the value of the buildings put up was \$1,000,000. The new structures consisted of forty-four houses, seventy-seven tenements, one store, one storage warehouse, two factories and six sheds. A large number of buildings were altered and repaired.

WHERE FEVER RHIGNS.

Nearly Twelve Hundred Cases in Butler, Pa.

A Butler, Pa., despatch says:—The typhoid fever epidemic claimed its thirty-fourth victim on Thursday, a person of Father Daniel Walsh, pastor of St. Paul's Catholic Church. Father Walsh had been ill two weeks. His work among the poor was untiring, and before he became unconscious he gave away everything he possessed. On Thursday 1,143 cases of typhoid had been reported to the representatives of the State Board of Health.

COTTON GOODS.

Will Advance in Price From Five to Ten Per Cent.

A Montreal despatch says: Owing to the rise in the price of raw cotton the Canadian cotton mills will make an advance in price. Within a waiting trial on a charge of horse-stealing, escaped from the lock-up in a most ingenious manner. He fired the lower portion of the wooden door and so regulated the blaze that it was confined to a small area. This was accomplished by dampening the door with water. He avoided suffocation by opening the window and screening himself behind a blanket suspended over the window. Provincial Constable Dinsmore, on visiting the lock-up next morning discovered a hole eighteen inches in extent in the bottom of the door, which is four or five inches thick. Rose put out the fire before he left. He is wanted by the United States authorities also, on a charge of horse-stealing.

BURNED WAY TO FREEDOM

A Horse Thief Makes an Ingenious Escape.

A Grand Forks, B. C., despatch says: Edwin Rose, known as "Shippery Ed," who was in jail here awaiting trial on a charge of horse-stealing, escaped from the lock-up in a most ingenious manner. He fired the lower portion of the wooden door and so regulated the blaze that it was confined to a small area. This was accomplished by dampening the door with water. He avoided suffocation by opening the window and screening himself behind a blanket suspended over the window. Provincial Constable Dinsmore, on visiting the lock-up next morning discovered a hole eighteen inches in extent in the bottom of the door, which is four or five inches thick. Rose put out the fire before he left. He is wanted by the United States authorities also, on a charge of horse-stealing.

KILLS INSTEAD OF CURING.

New Consumption Cure Worse Than the Disease.

A Paris despatch says: Professor Georges Didebout has reported to the Academy of Medicine, of which he is a member, that he has tested the serum for tuberculosis discovered by Prof. Marmorek, an Austrian bacteriologist, who until recently was chief chemist of the Pasteur Institute here. The serum was used on seven patients. Prof. Marmorek reported that the serum was better than any other, worse, and five of them died. Dr. Dentu made a similar report.

TO INDUCE OUR EXHIBITS.

Proposed Changes in St. Louis Regulations.

A Toronto despatch says: Mr. G. C. Creelman, Superintendent of Farmers' Institutes, and Mr. A. P. Westervelt, Secretary of Live Stock Associations, returned on Friday from Chicago, where they were attending the Fat Stock Show. Mr. Westervelt had an interview there with Col. C. F. Mills, Secretary of the live stock department of the St. Louis Exposition. Col. Mills said that arrangements were being made for giving greater importance to the classes of cattle in which Canadians are most largely interested. In the classes for sheep and bacon hogs prizes will be offered, which are more in proportion to their importance. The Canadian records also would be put in the next classification, in full.

The appointment of judges is a matter of interest to Canadians, and Col. Mills assured Mr. Westervelt that the men chosen would be fair and impartial. Whether Canadian exhibitors should have a voice in their selection had not been discussed. There is one thing, however, that still constitutes a serious impediment to Canadian exhibitors. This is the fact that Canadian exhibitors cannot sell their cattle after the show in the States. To remedy this would need a change in the Treasury or all set of Congress, and Col. Mills scarcely thought such a step feasible.

THOUSANDS LEAVING U. S.

The Steerage Accommodation Is at a Premium.

A New York despatch says:—The steamer La Touraine, which sailed on Thursday, took out 1,000 steerage passengers, and was estimated that over 200 steerage passengers with tickets were left on the dock, owing to the overselling of accommodation. The line has agents all over the country selling tickets, and as advice regarding the number of tickets sold for a vessel are not received until the day before she sails, it is impossible to control the number of tickets sold. A scene of great excitement ensued when the officers refused to allow more people on the vessel. All holding tickets and unable to sail on Thursday will be kept at the company's expense until the sailing next week. For several months the number of steerage passengers on all outgoing steamship lines has been very heavy. The travel this fall has been heavier than usual, and it is thought that many laborers have been able to accumulate a competence and are returning to their native lands to re-unite.

On board the White Star steamer Cedric, which left here on Thursday for Queenstown and Liverpool, there were 1,500 steerage passengers. This is the largest number of steerage passengers ever carried from a United States port on any one steamer.

ARSENICAL POISONING.

Recommendations of Commission on Food and Drink.

A London despatch says:—The royal commission on arsenical poisoning from food and drink recommends the prohibition of the sale of beer and other liquid food of any liquid entering into the composition of a grain or more of arsenic per gallon, and the prohibition of the sale of solid food containing one-hundredth of a grain per pound, "no matter whether habitually consumed in large or small quantities, or whether consumed as one (like golden syrup) or mixed with water or other substance (like chicory, etc.)." The commissioners find there are serious defects in the present machinery available to safeguard the public, and urge that more extended powers be given to the authorities to condemn unwholesome food, the establishment of official "standards" and the creation of a "board of reference" to which could be referred specific points and whose decisions should be carried out by the department concerned, the latter's being subject to the control of Parliament.

GERMANY'S POPULATION.

Growth Due Mainly to Diminished Death Rate.

A Berlin despatch says: The growth of the population of Germany in 1902, regarding which statistics have just been tabulated, was the greatest ever known, amounting to 902,312, or 15.61 per 1,000, compared with 15.09 in 1901 and 14.63, the average for the last ten years. The number of births during the decade increased only slightly, remaining just above 2,000,000 yearly. The gain therefore is due exclusively to the diminished death rate, which was 20.56 in 1902, compared with 22.68 for the previous decade.

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A Montreal despatch says: Owing to the drought the city's water pumping plant is being taxed to its utmost to supply the demand. This is owing to the fact that there is only water enough in the aqueduct to run one wheel, which puts most of the work on the steam plant. The water level in the aqueduct is lower than it has ever been known.

MAILS IN THE WEST.

Trips From Athabasca Landing to Fort Chipewyan.

An Ottawa despatch says: The Post-Office Department has arranged for two special trips during the present winter season for the conveyance of mails from Athabasca Landing to Fort Chipewyan. The first mail will leave Athabasca Landing on the 2nd of January, 1904. Mails leave Edmonton for Athabasca Landing every Tuesday, and arrive at the latter place on Thursday.

ALLIANCE NOT FAVORED.

Cool Reception to U. S. Orator's Glowing Speech.

An Owosso, Michigan, despatch says: John Hewitt Miller, the well-known lecturer, met with quite a frost here on Thursday night in one part of his lecture, "The self-sufficiency of the republic." He had been extolling the United States and its Government to the skies, at which the audience of course cheered. Then he digressed to advocate an offensive and defensive alliance with Great Britain, referring to the increasing naval strength of the United States, Great Britain's prowess on the seas, Canada's proximity to the United States, her impregnable backing by the mother country, the mutual interests of the country generally, and wound up with an eloquent prophecy that Americans and Britons could "do things to the rest of the world." The climax was pretty as an oratorical effort, but not one of the 1,400 people present warmed up enough to applaud, and the lecturer started on another line.

THE WOMAN IN WHITE.

Walked Ten Miles Clothed Only in Her Nightdress.

A St. Thomas despatch says: Miss Crawford, who lives with her parents near Shelden, and who is not of sound mind, had a terrible experience Saturday morning. The family live ten miles from the city, and the woman walked the distance here with no clothing on her excepting her night dress and without either shoes or stockings. Her feet were badly cut from the hard road, and she was half frozen, and suffered greatly from the exposure. She made her way into the Hutchinson House about 8.30 a.m., and was cared for and a physician summoned. Her mother arrived a short time afterwards. The strange sight of the woman in white alarmed men who had seen her, especially those who believe in ghosts and other apparitions. The young woman is 18 years of age. This is the second time she has run away in the same manner.

TORN TO PIECES BY LIONS

Terrible Fate of a Female Animal Trainer.

A Dessau, Duchy of Anhalt, Germany, despatch says: Frau Fischer, a lion tamer, was torn to pieces on Monday by four lions in a menagerie cage, and in sight of a great crowd of people. She was trying to make a lion spring through a hoop, and struck him with a whip, whereupon he leaped upon her and dismembered her at one stroke. The woman shrieked once, and the three other lions joined in the attack, and fought among themselves for fragments of her flesh. There was a frightful panic among the spectators, and many persons were injured. Finally the lion tamer's assistants, armed with iron rods and hooks, drove the animals from the woman's body. The children of Frau Fischer saw their mother killed.

TRADE WITH BRITAIN.

Exports From Canada During the Past Month.

A London despatch says: The imports to Great Britain from Canada for the month of November were as follows:—

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| Cattle | 14,680 | 224,487 |
| Sheep & lambs | 15,676 | 25,119 |
| Wheat, cwt. | 1,077,000 | 375,771 |
| Wheat meal and flour | 356,700 | 190,376 |
| Peas, cwt. | 34,010 | 16,582 |
| Bacon, cwt. | 67,078 | 166,822 |
| Hams, cwt. | 17,443 | 44,814 |
| Butter, cwt. | 20,226 | 96,094 |
| Cheese, cwt. | 178,800 | 471,521 |
| Eggs, great hundreds | 236,661 | 91,228 |
| Horses, head | 21 | 630 |

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TICKS FROM THE WIRE

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

Telegraphic Briefs From Our Own and Other Countries of CANADA.

Michael Drew of Crowland, brakeman, was run over and killed at Fort Erie, on Saturday.

Brockville Light Commissioners have asked the Council to expend \$25,000 on the electric light plant there.

James Smith had his arm badly mangled in London at the Columbia handle factory, and it had to be amputated.

Queen's students came in contact with the police at Kingston on Saturday, and both sides suffered minor casualties.

The customs collections at London during November amounted to \$67,422, an increase of \$10,686.94 over November, 1902.

The Canadian authorities see no objection to allowing the United States permission to establish training ships on the great lakes.

A commissioner may be sent to Europe by the Minister of the Interior to inquire into the process of smelting iron by electricity.

Mrs. Ida Boyle, convicted of swindling at Montreal by the sale of ladies' coats made of fur patches, was sentenced to three months in jail.

Mr. T. B. McNaughton, Manager of the Merchants' Bank at Tilbury, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart on Sunday.

THE SONG OF THE ROBIN IS GONE, AND COLD, COLD WINTER IS HERE WITH ITS BITING BLAST.

Xmas Holidays will soon again be with us, bringing with it all its pleasant memories of the past of kindnesses shown, of family reunion, of loving gifts, and all the grateful associations of which Xmas brings a pleasant reminder. The season which brought spiritual blessings to our whole human race,—why should we not try to make each other happy in that season so full of joy and significance to us all. Our sincere wish is that all will have a happy, happy Xmas. We like to talk to you about our Furs and our business, but satisfied that our

friendly greetings should come first. Lots of Goods in Furs to make one feel warm, happy and comfortable for little money. We like the Fur trade, and have become quite expert in getting the new, well made, up-to-date kind. This is what we advertise, and what we are prepared to show you. We wish the Ladies especially to visit us,—their taste for well made goods being much in advance of the sterner sex, and our compliments go to give them a hearty welcome to see our supply of Fine Furs.

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at Belleville, Ont., Solicitor for the City of
Belleville.
Office removed to the City Hall where he
will continue a general practice of law except
as against the Corporation of the City of
Belleville.
Money to Loan at 4.5 or 6 per cent. according
to quality of security. Telephone, No. 185

Farm for Sale.

A fifty acre farm, known as the McCon-
nell Homestead, situated in the immediate
vicinity of Springfield. Upon the premises
are a good frame house, frame barn, and
frame driving shed and other outbuildings.
The place is well watered, and within
one-half mile of church and three-quarters
of a mile of school.
Sale on easy terms, and possession given
at once, if required.

For particulars apply on the premises to
MANLEY MCCONNELL,
Springbrook P. O.

STRAYED.

Came into the premises of the subscrib-
er, Lot 6, in the 9th Con. of Rawdon, in
October last, a yearling Bull. The owner
is requested to prove property, pay charges
and take him away.

T. J. THOMPSON,
Spring Brook.

Lumber and Shingles

for sale at Anson.
R. G. KINGSTON.

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WITH POWERS TO ISSUE \$1,000,000 BONDS.

You may borrow
any amount with which to buy
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or on your personal note with absolutely
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Taking 20 years or less to
pay it back in small monthly
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Why pay RENT or be troubled with
MORTGAGES when THE LOAN & SAV-
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the money to buy your home or pay off
your mortgage in any locality and charge
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AN APPEAL TO THE FASHION- ABLE SET IN CANADA.

"Lally Bernard," the Well-known
Toronto Journalist, Writes from Eng-
land of the Battle Against Consump-
tion in Muskoka.

Lally Bernard, of the editorial staff of
the Toronto Globe, writing to that paper
from London, England, where she is now
a resident, shows most clearly that the
battle against the great white plague is
one that should interest all classes of the
community. It will be remembered that
this writer entered incomp. as a patient in
the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consump-
tives, and afterwards in the Globe told
of real life in that institution. In her
present article she says:

"To-day I have found a letter at the
club which nearly missed me, having
been addressed 'Lally Bernard.' May I
express to our readers my warmest thanks
for the kindly appreciation for the little I
have been able to do in the battle being
waged against tuberculosis in Canada. The
need of sympathy and interest is a tremen-
dous one, and I am always puzzled when I
find really well educated and intelligent
people in Canada so criminally ignorant
of the extent of the danger, and the
means which are being taken to combat
it."

"It may be of some interest to those
who feel as I do in regard to the respon-
sibility which rests upon each and all to
aid in this fight against a most insidious
foe, when I tell them that I am in Lon-
don, where I have been for only a few
days, I have already come across the
dread enemy four times. First of all, in
the back garden of our humble quarters
in Kensington I espied, when morning
dawned, a tent with two beds in it. I
enquired of our landlady why the tent
was there, and was told a long story
about the coronation and quarters for
some boys coming up from the country,
and that he, the landlady, had subse-
quently found it more agreeable to
sleep in the tent than in the basement
bedroom he had formerly occupied. A
little later, in conversation with the land-
lady, who secured the lodgings, I learned
that the landlady's son was obliged to sleep
in a tent! Comment was needless.

"In looking for quarters I found a
charming home of a young doctor and
his wife, where extraordinarily moderate
terms were asked for really exceptionally
good accommodation. The doctor, in
question had been 'ordered south,' and
his wife had to keep the house going by
accepting 'paying guests.'"

"Yet again, in the third place, I
found that the lady who was at the head
of the establishment had not only lost
her husband from the dread disease, but
had managed one of the most fashionable
sanatoriums in England, and her knowl-
edge of the treatment and the extent of
the problem in England showed me how
tremendous was the need for care and
watchfulness in our own country."

"May I ask my correspondent to use
all possible influence to make the ques-
tion of combating tuberculosis one of
interest in the 'fashionable set' to which
she evidently belongs. I know full well,
from the little experience I have had,
how tremendously a little genuine in-
terest and help might lighten the burden
now resting on the shoulders of the
authorities of the Free Hospital for Con-
sumptives at Gravenhurst. It is, of
course, far away from wealthy centres,
and out of sight is to be out of mind."

"I can quite understand that until
people have seen forty or fifty patients
hagridden by the stages of consump-
tion they do not realize what an immense
amount of aid might be given by those
who are fortunate enough to be free from
the disease and by those who have little
else to do than to invent or learn some
new form of recreation."

"Mrs. Torrington has kindly promised
me to try and get musical societies and
people interested in music to provide a
piano for the Hospital, and I feel sure it
will be of immense benefit to the patients.
Surely my correspondent who evinces
such sympathy with the cause could
make that sympathy take a practical
form and organize a hospital library
where books worth reading might be
supplied, with some system similar to
that of the Aberdeen Association, which
has done such excellent work."

[Note.—Readers—and may their num-
ber be many—who desire to assist in
the work of the Muskoka Free Hospital
for Consumptives may send their gifts to
Sir Wm. R. Meredith, K.T., Vice-President,
National Sanitarium Association, Tor-
onto, or Mr. W. J. Gage, Chairman of
the Executive Committee.]

The weather report for November
states that at Collingwood the snow-
fall for the month was phenomenally
heavy, a total depth of 48 inches being
recorded.

Gold has been discovered in consid-
erable quantities in the vicinity of the
Canadian Sea, and there is great ex-
citement among the settlers in conse-
quence.

Our Beautiful Language.
From London Tit-Bits.

A boy who swims may say he's swum,
but milk that's skimmed is seldom skum,
and nails you trim, they are not trum.
When words you speak, those words
are spoken, but a nose is tweaked and
can't be twoken, and what you seek is
never soken.
If you forget, then we've forgotten, but
things we wet are never wotten, and
houses let cannot be lotten.
The goods one sells are always sold,
but fears dispelled are not dispold, nor
when young a top you cut saw spun,
but did you see a grin e'er grin, or a
potato neatly spun?

Wellman's Corners.

(From our Correspondent.)

Wellman's L. O. L. No. 172, held
their annual meeting, for the election of
officers, and the finishing up of the year's
business, on Dec. 2nd. They closed up
the year's accounts, and found that af-
ter painting their hall, they still had a
good surplus on hand. Their member-
ship has increased in the year from 43
to 72. The following officers were
elected:

Walter Dracup—W. M.
Conson McColl—D. M.
Hugh Morton—R. S.
Herbert L. Mack—F. S.
James Linn—Treas.
James Caseman—D. of C.
Elgin Jackman—1st Lec.
Thos. Matthews—2nd Lec.
Will Scott—1st Com.
Charles Dracup—2nd Com.
Ernest White—3rd Com.
Russell Johnson—4th Com.
David Farrell—5th Com.

The population of our city is being in-
creased from time to time. There were
two settlers arrived here on Dec. 2nd.
They have taken up their residence at
Mr. Matthew Johnson's. They don't
pay anything for their board, and they
don't think those that wait on them,
either. Nevertheless, they have found
a warm welcome, for Mr. and Mrs.
Johnson are quite proud of their twin
boys, that weigh 8 pounds each, and are
as much alike as two acorns.

Mr. and Mrs. John Snarr went to
Belleville last week to attend the wed-
ding of Mrs. Snarr's brother, Mr. Geo.
Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Woodward, Mr. and
Mrs. S. Dracup, Miss Lillian
Brown, have started from Alberta and
will probably be in Rawdon when your
paper goes to press.

Mrs. Grier, of Michigan, formerly
Miss May Linn of this place, is visiting
friends and relatives here.

Madoc Junction Items.

(From our Own Correspondent.)

We hear that Mr. Thomas Danford
has moved to Coe Hill.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Jas.
Juby is on the sick list. We hope he
will soon recover.

Miss Nina Clarke has returned home
after spending a few days with Mrs. A.
Sealey of Stirling.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cook, of Corby-
ville, spent Sunday at Mr. Jas. Juby's.
There was no service here on Sunday
on account of the reopening of Moira
Church.

Dry weather continues, and people
are very anxious on account of the
scarcity of water. Many have to draw
water from quite a distance.

Mr. and Mrs. Wagnamaker, of Raw-
don, spent an evening with Mr. and
Mrs. E. Bennett.

Clubbing List

The NEWS-ARGUS will club with the
following papers at the rates mentioned:

The Weekly Globe.....\$1.75
The Weekly Mail & Empire,
with premium picture.....1.75
The Family Herald & Weekly
Star, with two premium pic-
tures, and Map of Canada.....1.80
The Weekly Sun.....1.80
The Toronto News (Daily).....1.80
The Toronto Star (Daily).....1.80
The Toronto Globe (Daily).....4.50
The Farmers' Advocate, balance
of this year free to new sub-
scribers, (weekly after Jan. 1) \$2.30
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C. F. STICKLE, Agent.

Halloway

(From our Correspondent.)

Rev. Mr. Sexsmith of Bayside, oc-
cupied the pulpit here on Sunday last.

Miss Daisy Townsend visited friends
at West Huntingdon last week.

Mrs. Fred Carter and children are
visiting her parents in North Hastings.
Mrs. Hamilton Bird is seriously ill
with pneumonia.

Glen Ross.

(From our Correspondent.)

Mrs. Almira Wagar, who has been
visiting friends in Prince Edward Co.,
returned home last week.

Mr. Roscoe Wade, of Wooler, is vis-
iting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs.
Mark Anderson.

Mrs. Alex. Fox, of Stirling, is re-
newing old acquaintances in this local-
ity.

Mrs. Wm. McLachlan departed this
life on Sunday morning, the 6th inst.
The funeral took place on Tuesday, and
was largely attended. The family
have the sympathy of the entire com-
munity.

Mr. John McLachlan, of West Toron-
to, is the guest of his brother, Wm.
McLachlan.

The revival services conducted by
Rev. J. C. Bell at the Carmel appoint-
ment continue through this week.
Several have signified their intention
of leading a new life, and the interest is
increasing. We are looking for greater
results.

Foxboro Notes

(From our Own Correspondent.)

The anniversary services in connec-
tion with the Methodist church here
took place last Sunday. The Rev. R.
H. Leitch, of Picton, a former pastor,
occupied the pulpit, morning and even-
ing, and gave two very interesting and
instructive sermons. In the morning
he preached from Gal. 6: 14, and in the
evening from Gen. 15: 11. There was
a large crowd present at both services.
The thank-offering amounted to over
\$55.

The Rev. C. L. Thompson spent Sun-
day in Picton, taking charge of Rev.
Mr. Leitch's work, and preaching mis-
sionary sermons.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Faulkner, and
daughter Gladys, of Belleville, spent
Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. I. L.
Windover.

Miss Mildred Stewart of Woods Fair,
and Miss Hattie Gossnell, of D. and D.
I. spent Sunday with friends in our
village.

Cutters and sleighs have taken the
place, to a great extent, of rubber tires
and heavy wagons.

Messrs. E. D. O'Flynn & Sons, of
Madoc, have sold out their private
banking business to the Dominion
Bank.

Auction Sales.

SATURDAY, DEC. 12.—At his residence,
Stirling, a horse, cow, buggy, cutter, har-
ness, and other articles belonging to Mr.
Jas. Milne. Sale at 1 o'clock, p.m. Wm.
Rodgers, Auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18.—On Lot 33, Con.
7, Sidney, the Farm Stock and Implements
belonging to Mr. George Stewart. Sale at
1 o'clock, p.m. Wm. Rodgers, Auctioneer.

Married.

DANFORD-LYONS.—On Wednesday, Dec. 9th,
by Rev. J. H. Coleman, Samuel H. Dan-
ford, of Sidney, to Alice Amelia, daughter of
the late George Lyons, of Rawdon.

Deaths.

McLACHLAN.—At Glen Ross, on Dec. 6th,
Mary Jane, wife of Wm. McLACHLAN, aged
80 years.

THE CELEBRATED EYE SPECIALIST

Prof. J. H. De Silberg, Optician Special-
ist from Germany, will be in Stirling, at
the Stirling News-Argus, three times
weekly. Watch for dates. All consulta-
tions free. Those having weak or imper-
fect eyes should not fail to consult the
professor. Next visit will be in February.

H. R. H. Princess Louise (the Duch-
ess of Argyll) has undertaken the exe-
cution of the bronze which is to com-
stitute the memorial to be placed in St.
Paul's Cathedral to the colonial troops
who fell in the South African war.

HARDWARE!

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Men's Fur Caps, \$3.00 for \$2.50; \$2.50 for \$2.00.
Men's Heavy Cloth Caps, 50c. for 25c. Men's Sealette Caps, \$1 for 50c.
Ladies' Fur Lined Caps were \$15 for \$12. Ladies' Sealette Caps trimmed with sequin embroidery and thibet fur, \$14 for \$11, \$12 for \$9.
Ladies' Coats, a few left to clear at greatly reduced prices, \$12 for \$9, \$9 for \$6.50, \$4.50 for \$2.00.
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Buying dry pickled Chickens Dec. 21 and 22. Leave on wing and tail feathers, and heads, and do not draw. Will pay 6c. for old and 7c. for young fowl. Bring in your Geese and Turkeys. Highest price paid.

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FRESH OYSTERS always on hand.

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Chatterton Chips.

(From our Correspondent.)

The annual meeting of the Eclipse cheese factory was held on Friday, the 11th, and was very satisfactory. This factory escaped the misfortune that befell a number of factories in this region, namely, the failure of the cheese buyer, which loss amounted in some cases, we are informed, as high as \$1200. The good fortune of our factory may be attributed to the careful and thorough methods of the salesman, H. Graham. The amount paid the patrons per standard was \$24.80.

Mr. Andrew Lithgow is getting along finely with the mill, and will make a good citizen, and when his family get here will make the neighborhood more lively.

The people are complaining of the scarcity of water, some having to draw it from quite a distance. We need a thaw and a big rain.

There is a great demand for men to work in the woods around here.

The apple crop was larger than anyone expected, which, with the scarcity of barrels, and help to pick, caused hundreds of bushels to be destroyed by the frost of our mature young men is taking a wife this week, and there are more weddings in view.

The store at Halloway is to change hands next spring. Martin Hough, who sold his farm near here this fall, has bought it.

Our cheese factory closed on the 11th.

The publication by the Toronto News on Saturday last of a holiday number consisting of 52 full sized pages was a unique accomplishment. This is the largest one cent paper ever published in Canada. It was too big even for the mammoth Hoe.

The News recently installed, and which will not print more than 48 pages. Over 14 tons of paper was consumed in the issue—an evidence of the rapidly growing circulation of The News. At the popular price of \$1.00 a year. The News now finds its way into all parts of Canada. It is not so much the price of the paper however, which is giving the News such a lead over its competitors, as the fact that the public are discovering the merits of the paper itself. All who have not seen The News in its new dress should write to Toronto for a sample copy.

Turkeys will no doubt command a high price in North Renfrew the week before Christmas.

The City and County Bank of Ottawa has been amalgamated with the Crown Bank. The head office will remain in Toronto.

The official report of the grain yield of Manitoba for 1903 places it at 52,576,519 bushels, a decrease of 17,475,824 as compared with 1902.

The assets of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, held by Speyer and Co. for a loan of \$5,000,000, were bought in at public auction in New York on Tuesday by Speyer & Co. for \$4,500,000. This was the only bid. The sale was held in spite of several protests by representatives of other creditors.

Garnets, opals and tourmalines have been found in the clay deposits near Lac du Bonnet, a village forty miles from Winnipeg. An expert says the clay formation is the same as at Kimberley, and that diamonds may yet be discovered in it.

Robert Husband, of lot No. 9, in the 10th con. of Clarendon township, has a lively dispute with a bear, but he came off conqueror. Mr. Husband, an old British soldier, would not give up, and after several lively rounds up and down and over logs, a shot from his Winchester soon laid Mr. Bruin low. The animal weighed two hundred and sixty pounds, and measured eight and three quarter feet in length. The old fellow had evidently been in a trap one time, for he had lost a foot at the first joint.

Lord Strathcona is endeavoring to persuade the British Board of Education to remove from the school text books a number of glaring misstatements concerning Canada.

The News, Toronto, says that the Ontario Government has in course of preparation a bill which will embody temperance legislation which the Legislature will be asked to enact.

Sir Frederick Borden cables to Ottawa that the Imperial Government have consented that Canada shall, if she chooses to do so, appoint a Canadian to take command of the militia of the Dominion.

United States marines have been landed upon the Isthmus of Panama, and will endeavor to give notice of the Colombian forces to retreat. The new war of the United States seems to be well under way.

The Federal revenue for the five months ended November 30 amounted to \$29,166,903, as against an expenditure of \$15,191,302. This gives a surplus of ordinary revenue over ordinary expenditure of \$13,975,601.

The Temiskaming & Ontario Railway will, it is hoped, be completed and trains running to New Liskard in November next. A large amount of rolling stock is now under way for the road, and surveyors are locating the route for the extension to the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Signs of commercial depression continue to augment in the United States. Six thousand more cotton operatives in New England were given notice of a cut of 10 per cent. in their wages on Monday, and 1,500 employees of Chicago implement firms were looked out because they declined to sign individual agreements not to strike.

A weather prophet predicts that during the next three months the prevailing winds will blow from the north-east and east, and changing occasionally to south-west, causing a raw, cold temperate with a tendency to dampness, and moderating occasionally to pleasant winter weather. The snowfall throughout the winter will be considerable, but it does not look as if there would be many heavy storms, or many periods of extremely cold weather. Frequent moderate spells are likely to occur throughout the three winter months.

The Northern Pacific Railway Company has issued strict regulations for its employees, taking effect Jan. 1st, which makes the taking of a drink of liquor cause for dismissal. It is said that both the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk Railways will to a great extent follow the example of the Northern Pacific, and after the beginning of the New Year insist upon the utmost sobriety on the part of their employees at all times. While the Northern Pacific will require absolute sobriety, both when on and off duty, the Canadian railways state that they will only enforce rules while men are on duty, and the habitual frequenting of places where liquors are sold will be tantamount to courted dismissal. A leading official of the Canadian Pacific stated that if found necessary the rules would be made to cover all times alike. It was a good rule that would result in greater efficiency.

Notice to Taxpayers

All taxes paid on the 1st of January, 1904, will be collected with costs.
R. G. KINGSTON.

Evergreen Cheese Factory.

The annual meeting of the stockholders and patrons of the Evergreen Cheese Manufacturing Company will be held at the factory on Saturday, Dec. 19th, at one o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of paying dividends, letting milk routes, and any other business in connection with the factory.
WM. RODGERS, President.

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We are near the end of 1903, and its closing days will be full of brisk business; the buying of presents as well as the everyday necessity for Winter comfort. We have been on the outlook for some time to secure the BEST BARGAINS in the best of everything to crown the end of the year's selling. Our success is only partially indicated by the subjoined list, and will be the better appreciated by the inspection of our stock.

SPECIAL BARGAINS.

LADIES' DRESS SKIRTS—

15—plain, all wool Frieze, in Navy and Oxford Grey, at \$1.69 each.
6—Black Broadcloth Skirts, full corded and satin trimmed, regular \$5.50 for \$4.50 each.

6—Heavy Oxford Grey Frieze Skirts, satin trimmed, reg. \$4.00 for \$2.75 ea.
LADIES' JACKETS—We close our most successful year's selling of Ladies' Jackets by offering the balance of our stock of Ladies' and Children's Coats, all new goods, Northway make, at a discount of 20 per cent.

12 only, Ladies' Coats, Oxford and Black, sizes 36 and 38, \$10.00 goods for \$8.00.

SILK REMNANTS—20 remnants of Fancy Silks, 2 to 3 yds. each, regular 50c. yd. to clear at half price, 25c. yd.

RIBBONS—All shades and widths in stock. See our 4 inch wide Taffeta and Duchesse Neck Ribbon, all shades, at 15c. and 20c. yd.

NEW ARRIVALS.

LADIES' SILK AND LACE COLLARS—A pleasing assortment just in—Silk, Lace, Cambric at 25c. to 75c.

LINENS—Our specially imported Household Linens are offerings of unexcelled values and variety.

Tablings, in bleached and unbleached, at 25c. to \$1.25.

Tablings, in colored, at 35c., 40c. and 50c.

Table Napkins at \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 doz.

WARM PRESENTS FOR WINTER WEATHER—Wool Blankets—every grade in good Blankets, from low to high, \$2.50 to \$8.00.

MEN'S HOLIDAY WANTS.

WAY'S MUFFLERS, in White, Cream, Black and Fancy, at 25c. to 75c.

NECK SCARFS, in folded and shaped, 25c. to \$1.00.

SHIRTS, in White and Colored—A special in white and colored, sizes 14 to 16½, regular \$1.00 each, Holiday price 75c.

GLOVES, in Kid, Mocha and other leathers. The good kinds are the kinds we sell at 50c. to \$2.00.

GAUNTLETS, in Leather, Fur and Imitation Fur, at 50c. to \$5.00 pair.

NECKWEAR—The latest style in British and Canadian Smart Neckwear at small cost. Our 25c. line is made from better quality silks than usual. Have a look.

BRACES—Take a Christmas brace here—no unpleasant after effect. We have the novelties as well as the old reliables, at 25, 35, 50, 75c. and \$1.00.

OVERCOATS.

The rush of the last few days for Overcoats would have been a heavy drain on a small stock; but the bigness of our assortment will stand a heavy strain. We still offer all sizes, in all lines of three-quarter and Raglan Coats, Oxford Greys, Blacks and Fancies.

Special Values at \$6.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$9.00, \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00, less a 10 per cent. holiday discount.

HOUSEFURNISHINGS.

MAKE HOME ATTRACTIVE. We can assist you at trifling cost.

FIRE SCREENS, filled with dainty Art Muslin, \$1.40 each.

CHENILLE CURTAINS, in all colors, at \$2.75 to \$7.00.

LACE CURTAINS, dainty designs in Swiss and Irish Point, as well as Nottingham Lace, at \$1.00 to \$5.00 pair.

CARPETS—We offer some very attractive lines at present in Cheap Carpets for Bedrooms, prices 25, 35, 40, 50c. yd. See our hit and miss Tapestry Carpet at 25c.—it is a leader.

In the Realm of Fancy.

Dolls at 15, 25, 50c., \$1.00, \$2.00. Toys at 5, 10, 15, 25, 50c.

Picture Books at 5, 10, 25c. Photo Frames at 10c. and 25c.

Vases at 5, 10, 20, 25c. China Novelties at 10, 15, 20, 25c.

China Pepper and Salts, a special, 5c. ea. Mirrors of all kinds, 5c. to \$1.00.

TOILET SETS—40 sets to choose from. 6 piece sets at \$1.50 each. 10 piece sets at \$2.25, \$3.25, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.75.

DINNER SETS—If interested take a look at our line, 97 and 98 pc. Sets at \$6.00 to \$14.00.

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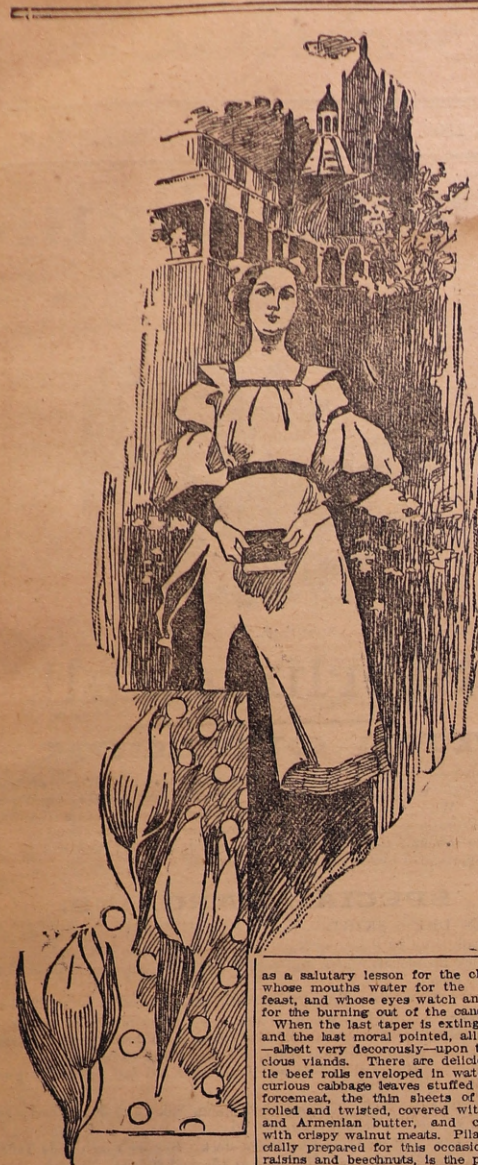
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| Fresh Mixed Peels, - 20c. lb. | 5 lbs. Prunes, - 25c. |
| 5 lbs. New Figs, - 25c. | 3 boxes Jersey Cream Yeast, 10c. |
| 3 lbs. Select Raisins, - 25c. | 3 lbs. Best Mixed Candy - 25c. |
| 3 lbs. Best Cleaned Currants, 25c. | |

Demi Tasse Coffee, with a dainty Cup and Saucer with every lb., 40c.

Art Baking Powder, with heavy gilt Dinnerware Presents, 50c. lb.

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THE NEW YEAR.

O bright new year with joyous mien,
With heart unknown to piercing woe,
Scatter abroad the gold of peace,
And lid the waves of pleasure flow
With rhythmic sound and trembling cheer
Through the channels of each soul
Command war's thundering voice to cease
Bid strong armed plenty freely do
Comforts to man. Make Sol increase
The useful products of the green.
Hush discord's voice that brings forth
From fierce Pandora's box the ill
Unnumbered that with lightning speed
Deep rack the bosom of the earth,
Depopulate its habitable hills,
Poison its soothing streams and rills,
And to a desert change the mead.
Strike, too, the heart, deep down within.
O'erwhelm it with disgust for sin.
Cause charity to love and reign
Triumphantly o'er hell and pain.
Crush Mammon's head. To God alone
Let adoration true be shown.
Then loudly do we shout to thee,
Welcome, welcome!

—San Francisco Monitor.

CHRISTMAS

IN ARMENIA.

Among the 184 general holidays on the calendar of the Gregorian Armenians, two are especially prominent, Christmas and Easter. Both of these festivals are extended over three days, and both come twelve days after our celebration of the same festival, owing to the difference between the Greek calendar, which they reckon by, and the Roman.

Although their Christmas celebration varies materially from ours, the preliminaries are quite as engrossing as those attending our Christmas or Thanksgiving.

In the street it is a joyful thing to watch the vermicelli maker as he pours the spotted dough from a shining ladle into the bright, brass calender, whence it drops in thin streams on the hot griddles, placed above the brick oven, to emerge curling into crisp, white threads, which are then gathered and thrown into polished wooden bowls for sale.

In the home, the women are unusually busy. All the washing and mending are done the week before (there is no ironing). The house is made immaculate, the brass or silver trays and spoons brightened until they shine like mirrors, and the hoarded jars of precious sweetmeats, with the summer's sunbaked figs, are brought out and set on the table.

Then, all things being in readiness, the whole family go to the public bath, the father and grown boys one day, the women and children the next, and with spotless house, immaculate linen, and shining countenances they await the holiday.

Christmas evening the father buys a dozen candles, such as are used in the Gregorian churches. These are about the thickness of a lead pencil, but a little longer, and are fastened about the edges of the dining-table, held in position by their own wax. The family now gather together, the father in the place of honour, the divan, with the table set in front of him, while the family group themselves about it, seated on rugs. The candles are lighted, and the Christmas speech made by the father, who times his remarks with the burning of the candles. In this annual speech the story of Christ's birth and childhood is told, with great emphasis laid upon his filial obedience

the elders until, after a half-hour's intercourse, the guest rises to make his adieu, the hostess sends a slave to escort him to the door.

In the afternoon comes the small boy's turn, when all the Armenian lads of the neighbourhood, talking their accumulation of "pourobres," betake themselves to the open square, where the windwheel peddler and the shikerdji, with his tray of "stickjaw," or the brightly-coloured candy roosters, camels, ducks, and turkeys, do a rushing business, to the infinite joy of their patrons and their own enrichment.

In the isolated rural districts, if the day be bright and sunny, the men, sometimes accompanied by the women, go out in the fields and have a dance, similar to the Ionic dance of Homer's days.

A leader is appointed, who, with "many a perk and flutter," takes his place at the head of the line, with a waving handkerchief and ambitious step, followed by the rank and file, hand in hand. Sometimes, too, they play a leaping and vaulting game, the corner of the horseback evolutions learned from their mountain neighbours, the Kurds.

Of late years, however, the natural joyousness of these rural folk has given place to extreme sadness, as their national spirit is bowed down by the accumulation of sorrows through which they have passed.

Although the general distribution of Christmas gifts is not common, save in introduced in other parts of the country, the richer Armenians, in remembrance of the shepherds who brought gifts to the babe of Bethlehem, take infinite pleasure in ministering to the wants of the poor at this time, believing that in this way they are giving to the Christ.

Christmas Decorations.

The decorations which still form such a prominent and beautiful feature of our Christmas festival spring from very old pagan customs. The ancient Druids venerated the mistletoe, and at the time of the winter solstice priests and people went out with much pomp to gather the mystic parasite, which we suppose to have wonderful curative properties. Two white bulls were tied to the sacred oak on which the plant grew and sacrificed, while the mistletoe was cut and carefully thrown into a widespread cloth. Afterward sprays were distributed among the people, who hung them as a charm over the entrance to their dwellings. The charm of "under the mistletoe" is by no means obsolete, as young folks of the present day are well aware.

Rosemary, ivy, hawthorn, holly, bay, laurel, and box were all used from time immemorial for decorating churches and dwellings at Christmas, although during the committal effort was made to suppress the practice, on the ground that it savoured of papal superstition. But nothing could quench a custom at once so beautiful and so fitting.

The evergreen sprig has grown into the tall Christmas tree, whose laden branches spread far and wide. Doubtless the Christmas tree is of German origin, though its ancient prototype was quite unlike the modern specimen. The tree which the old Germans cherished during the Yule peace festival was in honour of Hestia, goddess of spring, and subsequently, after the introduction of Christianity into Germany, much of the symbolism that had clustered about it was transferred to the Christmas tree, which became the emblem of eternal spring, and its presents a reminder of the most priceless of all gifts.

St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children, had long been accustomed to bestow his gifts on St. Nicholas' eve, December 6, but the pleasant little ceremony was transferred to Christmas eve, in order to make that festival specially attractive to children.

According to the beautiful German legend, the Christ Child comes flying through the air on golden wings, bringing in the nighttime all manner of gifts for good children, and hanging them on the Christmas tree.

THE OLD YEAR.

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying clouds, the frosty light!
The year is dying in the night.
Ring out wild bells and let him die!

Ring out the old, ring in the new!
Ring, happy bells, across the snow!
The year is going, let him go,
Ring out the false, ring in the true!

Ring out the grief that saps the mind
For those that here we see no more,
Ring out the cruel and the poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

—Alfred Tennyson.

THE SHAKER

CHRISTMAS.

No one probably celebrates the glad Christmas holiday in a more peculiar way than do the Shakers, those strange yet industrious celibates who were brought over from England considerably over a century ago by the good old Mother Ann Lee. There are several colonies of these queer people in the United States, and all enjoy the same pleasures, if there is such love in their lives, and all believe in the same doctrines. Years ago these honest but misguided people discovered that celibacy directed at men and women to live apart. They believe that because the Messiah did not marry it is a sin for them to do so, and consequently there is such love in their lives, and that a love of religion.

The Shakers have a manner and style peculiarly their own and which is very peculiar in the eyes of the world. They do in the Messiah, they think it a duty to celebrate the birth of the Saviour, and their service on Christmas is most beautiful and impressive.

The remark "still as a Shaker meeting" has often been heard, and those who have attended a meeting of these devout people know that a word is never spoken until the "spirit moves," and so it goes from Sunday to Sunday until Christmas comes, which with them means a day of the greatest devotion. The Shakers are kind-hearted and generous. They are very hospitable, and it is one of their principles to entertain and honour all who come into their little world. For days before Christmas they find great pleasure in sending good things to the poor in the neighbourhood, and no matter how poor a man may be he is sure of a good Christmas dinner if he lives in the neighbourhood of a colony of Shakers.

The morning before Christmas the celebrants move toward the little church in couples. The men go by themselves and dress in the conventional black, with broad brimmed hats and gaze straight before them. They never smile, for to smile is a sin in their belief. The women follow the men and wear Shaker bonnets of yellow straw and gray gowns, and look prim and quaint. A large white handkerchief covers the chest in primitive simplicity. Quietness reigns throughout the day, never a word being spoken. In fact, the spirit does not move, and the people stand there for hours like statues. At sundown they go to the dormitories and retire.

Christmas morning they go to the church again and pass the holiday in prayer, song and religious glorification. They stand perfectly quiet and mute until the "spirit moves," when each one gives his or her experience, for on this day above all they delight in testifying to their great and complete happiness. A Shaker church is

Shakers are moving around the singers. As the music increases the men and women circling in a ring, when the hands are raised, the beating of the notes that their bodies swing and rock, their feet dance and shuffle, their hands and arms swing and beat the air, all in unison with the music.

This grows more intense until they all drop from sheer fatigue. Quietness again reigns for nearly an hour, when the same performance is gone over and then over again until sundown, when all repair to the dormitories to enjoy the only meal in the year in which the hands and feet of every other day the men and women eat by themselves.

The Christmas dinner of the Shakers is not like the Christmas dinner of the world's people. There are no wines, fruits, nor delicacies. They have turkeys, ducks, chickens, and plain bread and butter and vegetables of every kind, well cooked, and in the greatest abundance. The women occupy one side of the table, the men the other, and the hands and feet of all keep time. The hands and feet of all keep time. The hands and feet of all keep time. The hands and feet of all keep time.

After the song the elder raises his eyes heavenward and chants a prayer, in which all join, after which they march from the room in couples, the men together, and the women by themselves, and go to their dormitories. The remainder of the night, while the world outside is enjoying itself in every conceivable dissipation, is given up to prayer, and all night long the voices of the Shaker sisters and brothers are heard through the halls.

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Christmas in Germany.

To think of Germany in connection with Christmas is to remember the Christmas tree. We Canadians are proud to have set at the feet of our Teutonic friends, and to have learned from them, as our English cousins have also learned, how to make the children vastly happier when the call comes for everybody to be happy as he can.

There is scarcely need to tell that in the fatherland on Christmas eve, houses everywhere have the Christmas tree in the principal room. The little people wait in an adjoining apartment till the signal is given for them to enter where the tree is. Then what a rush and how sweet a picture! There on a long table in the middle of the room stands the Christmas tree, every branch glittering with lighted tapers. All sorts of gifts and ornaments hang suspended in profusion from the branches of the tree. Indeed, there is an overflow on the table on which the tree stands. Every present is labelled with the name of the donee to be. The distribution is a succession of surprises and a continuous joy.

CHRISTMAS

THEATRICALS.

The "mysteries" and miracle plays, dramatic representations founded on Bible history or the lives of saints, became exceedingly popular during the middle ages. They were at first the outcome of genuine religious feeling, centering chiefly around the birth and death of Christ. Performances during Christmas time were solemn, though realistic. Later, however, many places they degenerated into mere burlesques.

Of quite a different character were the ancient "mummers," however, adding was a common diversion in early Rome, and entered largely into pagan revels. The magnificent pageants exhibited at court during the middle ages, and even later, in which extraordinary oddity of dress and demeanour was the principal object sought, were relics of old times, rude and rough, but appealing to a universal passion for dramatic representation, which in modern times finds gratification in more refined displays, the "mumming" in modified forms is still practiced in some countries. Usually the actors are children, who in grotesque garments go from house to house on Christmas eve, claim admittance, and a little drama, and then end with a delicate appeal for "silver or copper or gold, if you can."

A favourite performance of mummers was—and still is—the time-honoured legend of "St. George and the Dragon." According to this legend, the ancient city of Sydenham was tormented by a dragon which inhabited a neighbouring marsh, and was only prevented from destroying the people by its daily offering of two sheep. At length the sheep were exhausted, and the dragon still demanding food, a law was passed substituting a child or young person chosen by lot from the rich and poor alike. The lot at length fell upon the King's daughter, and as the beautiful girl was on her way out to the city to appease the monster's appetite, St. George chanced to pass by and met her. Without hesitation he undertook to rescue her, and, attacking the dragon, killed him.

The details of this play have been much varied and many incongruous and burlesque characters introduced into it until in some of the versions, where "Father Christmas," "The King of Egypt," "The Turkish Knight," "St. George and the Dragon," are confusedly mingled with St. Peter, "Judas," and other Bible personages.

While no irreverence was originally intended by the introduction of sacred characters into the miracle plays, in process of time a freedom and license were indulged which bordered on profanity. Mummers became gross pageants, filled with all kinds of absurdities, and there was need of the royal decrees issued to suppress them.

The "mysteries" were at first solemnly performed in the church or in some consecrated spot where the strictest decorum was observed. The play was written by priests, who themselves personated prominent characters. The mystery play, which sometimes occurred on the eve of the ringing of bells, which called together rich and poor, who gazed reverently on the scene presented near the altar of the church, was headed by the Virgin Mary, beside a rudely-constructed manger, partially concealed by a curtain, while a group of shepherds, with sheep, crooks, and musical instruments stood near.

Suddenly, from some unseen height, the song burst forth, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy," and the response, "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, goodwill to men," came from a band of singing boys in the gallery. The shepherds then advanced, singing "Peace on earth," while attendant priests drew aside the curtain, and the child Jesus was disclosed. The singing continued while all knelt in adoration. Immediately after the dramatic representation mass was celebrated.

But often in early mediaeval times a stage was erected in the open air, and elaborate preparations for the play were made. The performance required two days for its full performance. Public notice was given far and wide, the actors selected, and the parts carefully studied. When the appointed day arrived, a remarkable procession traversed the town—the dramatic personae representing not only the Magi, the Shepherds, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus, but God and His angels, as well as Satan and his devils.

Amid music, and the noisy but reverent exclamations of a vast throng, all the actors took their places on the stage, where they remained throughout the play. The scenery being fixed at the beginning, no little ingenuity was needed to identify different places and render changes of action intelligible. Many of the scenes would be startling to modern eyes, and the mixture of angels and devils, prophets and sibyls, songs of rejoicing and howls of rage that heralded the birth of Christ would shock modern ears. Nevertheless, for a long time the drama of the Nativity, with various events connected with it in Bible history, as the flight into Egypt, the massacre of the infants, as well as the death of Christ, were represented on the stage with a solemnity which pervaded both actors and spectators.

But scenes which enhanced dramatic power in the dark ages would in no way appeal to the people of today. When the sacredness of the "Passion Play" was profaned, that was suppressed, except in the little town of Oberammergau, where, in 1833, had solemnly pledged themselves to perform it once in ten years. To them it is a real religious service, and in the greatest measure it is said to have retained down to the present day the simplicity and devout earnestness that originally marked it.

Among the peasant class in various countries of Europe some of these miracle plays are still occasionally performed, modernized to a degree, yet in a very simple and primitive style.

Christmas Rhymes.

It was Thomas Tusser who, nearly three and a half centuries ago, advised all people to at

Christmas play and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year.

In his quaint book entitled, "Five Hundred Points of Good Husbandry," but it was previous to this that he had been told the story of the "King of Egypt," the conclusion of which is given in Ray's "Collection of Proverbs," as follows:—

Bounce Bounce, velvet dear!
Christmas comes but once a year.
And when it comes it brings good cheer,
But when it's gone it's never the near.

(Note.—Bounce Bounce is equivalent to "throw away your old clothes.")

Again, in a rare tract published in 1803, are the lines:—

Let's dance and sing and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year.

A Story of St. Nick.

Once when St. Nicholas was making a journey to the Holy Land, a storm arose and would have wrecked the ship had he not been rescued by the sailors of another ship found themselves in great peril it occurred to him to call on St. Nicholas for help. He was still alive at that time, but he came straight to them and saved them. And so he became the patron of sailors, as well as of children and virgins.

For Another Fellow.

He—Won't you be my Christmas gift, darling?
She—Papa positively prohibits my giving expensive presents, and I'm worth a million, you know.

Quits.

"What are you thinking of, my dear?" he asked.
"About Christmas. There is so much money wasted in ill-considered presents," she replied.
"That's true."
"I've been thinking about my present to you this year," she went on, "and I think I shall give you a new bonnet that is tasteful as well as expensive."
"That's a capital idea. And I'll give you a box of cigars that are really available for the purposes of a smoker."

Bound over all waters, reach out from all lands,
The chorus of voices, the clapping of hands.

—John G. Whittier.

entirely different from the "world's people's" church. Instead of seats or pews, as are usually in churches, there is a big open space, and the men and women range themselves on opposite sides of the room. One of the elders makes a short address. Then all is quietness. After about half an hour a dozen or so of the younger people, either men or women, or perhaps both, enter the centre of the space and begin a solemn march.

The Shakers sing beautifully, and their tunes are remarkably pretty, sprightly, and quick in character, and have a wonderfully fascinating air. The rich, deep bass voices harmonize perfectly with the clear, sweet and high tenors and sopranos. Almost irresistibly the feet and hands of all commence keeping time with ringing clapping hands. Soon the entire body of

OUR FEATHERED ENEMIES

EAGLES AND SEA FOWLS ARE FIERCE FIGHTERS.

A Postman's Experience—Two French Tourists Killed Eagles.

The Maritime Alps of Eastern France have long been noted as being the haunt of the most ferocious and powerful breed of eagles in existence. Children innumerable have been carried off by them, and they even attack adults on occasions, sometimes with dire results.

In July, 1889, for instance, a postman named Gustave Silva, who carried the mail on foot between the villages of Sospel and Puget-Thénier, was set upon while crossing the pass by three large cock-birds, and, after a desperate struggle, he was killed. He managed to drive off his assailants, and eventually reached his destination with his head of letters. But his case was from the first regarded as hopeless by the local doctors, and, after a long and fruitless search for the cause of his death, he succumbed to his wounds.

Meanwhile two young French tourists, Messrs. Joseph Monand and Antoine Neyssel, went up into the mountains to try to kill the birds. They had done the damage, and were savagely attacked in their turn. Both men were armed, but the sudden onslaught of the winged creatures completely unnerved them, and after firing only one shot they

tried to escape by running. The birds, however, struck them down as they had gone many yards, and they would have doubtless been torn to pieces where they lay but for the opportune arrival of a party of shepherds. These proceeded in rescuing Mr. Neyssel alive, but terribly injured, he having sustained no fewer than ten severe wounds in the head and back, besides innumerable minor lacerations and abrasions. His companion, Mr. Monand, was killed outright early in the fray, and his body when recovered presented a most shocking spectacle. Mr. Neyssel recovered after six weeks in bed, but is disabled for life.

Very tragic was the fate of Peter Thorsen and John Hibbert, two teamsters belonging to the whaler Good Hope, who attempted for a while to reach the summit of Poseidon Island some years ago. This, perhaps the most desolate and seldom-visited spot on the whole globe, is the home of myriads of sea-fowls, from the lowliest moulton to the top of the conical mountain which occupies the

CENTRE OF THE ISLAND.

It was noticed from the ship that the sea-fowls attacked the explorers vigorously as they waded through them, pecking at them with their sharp beaks and screaming savagely, but no one anticipated danger.

When about two-thirds of the ascent had been completed, however, the men were seen to be in difficulties, and a relief party was organized; but at the moment there sprang up one of those terrific blizzards that are so frequent in the Antarctic regions, and communication between ship and shore became for the time being impossible.

Next day it was restored, but it was then too late for the explorers, who were found lying on the ground, into which they had sunk up to their waists, and quite dead, while round the disfigured and mutilated bodies killed thousands of bloated sea-fowls crowded to repelion with a hideous and unwonted din.

Ordinarily, a hen is a shy bird, more ready to run than to fight on the approach of a human being. But in the breeding season, and especially when the hen has nearly finished sitting, the old cock is frequently little less dangerous than

A WOUNDED TIGER.

Many terrible tales are told in Cape Colony of the ferocity with which they will then attack all and sundry, and of the shocking injuries they are able to inflict with their long pointed beaks. Not is escape at all easy. A native will spring up wards at the bird's long neck, and gripping it tightly swing himself on his assailant's back, where he is comparatively safe. But was he to be killed if he missed.

The emu, which is equally dangerous under similar circumstances, "Bett" Cartleton, the well-known Australian explorer and prospector, lost his life in a fight with one of these birds after passing unscathed through all sorts of dangers. "The emu," an "old man" bird, took him unawares, hurling him to the ground and breaking one of his legs, after which it deliberately set to work and pounded him to death. When next day, the body was recovered by a searching party, it was found to have sustained no fewer than sixty-three wounds, many of them of the most shocking character.

STRONGEST BEAK.

The strongest and most formidable beak among birds of prey is owned by the Egyptian vulture. This bird, "vulture" is a name which is found in all languages, as it acts the part of a scavenger, and does not, as a rule, use upon living creatures the terrible weapon with which nature has endowed it. Upon the land, as in certain districts is not infrequently the case, the vulture at once becomes a source of acute and very positive danger. Garbage is then no longer available. Hunger impels him to devour, and on occasions, he will not hesitate to attack even adult human beings.

Weird tales used to be told of the strength and ferocity of the condor. As a matter of fact, this giant among vultures is comparatively harmless except during the nesting season. Then both male and female become not infrequently wantonly aggressive, and they will, besides, invariably fight to the death in defence of their eggs or their young. For this reason the man who aspires to rob a condor's eyrie, accomplishes his task always at the risk of his life. The native Peruvian and Chil-

PRATISE FOR THE ESQUIMAUX.

An Industrious Chap Who Deserves a Helping Hand.

The natives of Alaska are a fast-dwindling race. Their sun is setting. Probably their midday sun never rose higher than the midwinter sun rises in this latitude.

Most of the Eskimos in Alaska are gathered at the missions, but the travelers will find a few in villages of two or three or half a dozen igloos in places convenient for fishing, as fish is the staple diet of these people. Starvation and disease have left but a remnant of once populous tribes.

Contact with the white race has had a great deal to do with their deterioration. They like whiskey, and like all other native races, are not naturally industrious. Before the coming of the white man, stern necessity made them provide for the immediate future. The sea supplied them with most of their food, and there were wild berries and fish, and much of the land to vary their diet. By instinct inherited from a long line of ancestors, they are fishermen and hunters, but by contact with the Caucasian they are makers of curios and traders. In their new avocations they have come dependent to a great extent upon the white people.

But the higher race is not responsible for all their ills. The unsanitary state in which they live is not conducive to longevity. The impure air in the native igloos, the lack of personal cleanliness, and much of the food the native eats would shorten the days of the hardiest people.

The Eskimo has some qualities of character to be admired. He has often shared his last bit of food with starving prospectors or wrecked sailors. He is bright and ingenious, simple minded as a child, with a happy disposition, that takes no thought of the morrow. He is bad only when under the influence of liquor.

The Government should make some provisions for the Eskimo. He can be made self-supporting, possibly a contributor to the wealth of the world, by placing him in a line of work for which nature fitted him. Provide him with modern appliances and means for fishing and whaling, and with proper management he will become a producer of wealth.

WEIGHT OF THE BRAIN.

Development Follows Differing Lines of Work.

M. Mathiege, an anthropologist of Prague, has just made some interesting experiments with regard to the weight of brain in different branches of the community. Having first ascertained that the male brain weighs on an average 1,400 grammes, and the female brain 1,200 grammes, between the ages of 20 and 60, he has gathered the following statistics, based on the study of the brains of 235 persons, differing widely in their occupation and intellectual culture:

Grammes.

Day laborers 1,400

Workmen and unskilled laborers 1,438

Porters, guardians and watchmen 1,436

Mechanics 1,450

Business men 1,468

Physicians and professors 1,500

The manufacturing scale of the brain, which is not favorable to cerebral development, judging by the light weight of the brains of brewers, saloonkeepers, and waiters in cafes. The average weight among this class is only 1,410 grammes, whereas it rises to 1,442 among cabinetmakers, 1,446 among shoemakers, and 1,447 among blacksmiths, locksmiths, and other workers in iron and steel.

THE FIRST BABY.

What joy there is in the home when the first baby comes, and yet to the young and inexperienced mother who has to care for it there is no other period of her life so trying. In the little ills that are certain to come the inexperienced mother scarcely knows what to do. To the young mother—to all mothers—Baby's Own Tablets are a real blessing. They promptly cure such troubles as constipation, colic, sour stomach, diarrhoea and simple fevers. They break up colds, destroy worms, allay the irritation accompanying the cutting of teeth and prevent more serious ills. These Tablets are sold under a guarantee to contain no opiate, nor any other of the harmful drugs always found in the so-called "soothing" medicines. They are good for all children from the new born babe to the well grown child. If you do not find the Tablets at your medicine dealer send 25 cents to The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and a box will be mailed you post paid.

THE PRINCESS AND PEPIITO.

How the Kaiser Was Influenced by His Daughter.

Princess Victoria Louise, the only girl in the Kaiser's large family, although she is only eleven years old, already promises to be a patron of musicians. As in the case of other daughters not royal, it is "father" who has to pay in coin of the realm for this sympathy with genius.

The London Chronicle says that a musician in Berlin told the superior of the wonderful piano-playing of a small boy Pepito Ariola. The boy was bidden to the palace. The emperor told the princess that she was to be present at the concert, and added that she must listen closely, for Pepito played even better than she. Although the little girl said that she did not believe that to be possible, she was delighted with Pepito's playing.

On being told that he was poor, she said:

"We must help him!"

She ran off and emptied her own

bank, and begged of her fond brothers all they gave her from their savings. But the whole amount was not large, so Princess Louise returned to her father with tears in her eyes, and told him that he must do the rest. The royal "we" was omitted entirely.

It is said that the Princess Louise's tears at the form of feminine influence to which the Kaiser is peculiarly susceptible. At all events, he not only obtained for Pepito several state appropriations for the encouragement of musical talent, but added one thousand marks a year out of his private purse. Nevertheless, it is probable that he will think twice before bringing another prodigy to the attention of the princess.

SAT NIGHT AND DAY IN A CHAIR.

TILL DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS CURED HIS RHEUMATISM.

William Doeg, of Strong Township, Hale and Hearty After Four Years of Torture—The Story of His Sickness and His Cure.

Sundridge, Dec. 14.—(Special).—After four years of torture, during which he was scarcely an hour free from pain, Wm. Doeg, a farmer, living on Con. 3, Strong Township, and well known here as a hale and hearty man, Dodd's Kidney Pills cured him.

Speaking of his cure Mr. Doeg says: "The trouble started in my back and the pain got so bad I could not lie down to take rest, but had to sit night and day in a chair.

"The pain would sometimes move to other parts of my body, and when in my knees I was unable to walk. "I was treated for Rheumatism by several doctors, without receiving any benefit. I feared I would never again be free from pain.

"My attention was called to cures by Dodd's Kidney Pills and I started to use them. Before I had finished the second box I was a new man, entirely free from pain. It has not come back since."

Uric acid in the blood is the cause of Rheumatism. If the Kidneys are working right they take all the uric acid out of the blood. Dodd's Kidney Pills make the Kidneys work right.

FETICH DOCTORS.

Have Just Stirred Up a Revolt in the Congo Free State.

A despatch from London says that fetich doctors in the Lomani District of the Congo State, about 900 miles from the Atlantic, have stirred up many natives to revolt, fortifying their courage to this point by incantations which will render them invulnerable to the bullets of the whites.

Fetichism is recognized as an impediment to progress on the Congo. Just as the Congo State has made the crimes of slave raiding, cannibalism, and human sacrifices punishable with death, so it has placed the art of the fetich doctor on the list of misdemeanors, and punishes these men when they are caught playing their trade.

These fellows live by their wits. They keep alive faith in the efficacy of charms, belief in witchcraft, and many other harmful superstitions. Any one is likely to be accused of being a witch if he happens to have the chief or the fetich doctor, or has incurred the hatred of some one whom the fetich man desires to please. The natives believe that the person thus accused is a wizard, and when he takes the poison to which he is staggered and falls under the influence of the drug, his guilt is considered as established, and the by-standers rush at him and beat him to death.

Dr. Bentley, of the Baptist missions, wrote a while ago that many hundreds of terrible stories of this kind with much variety of detail might be collected. He told of a case on the Lower Congo where eighteen men were compelled to suffer death because a fetich doctor accused them of causing the death of six men who had been drowned by the upsetting of their canoe.

As fast as the influence of the Congo domain, the authorities are making much trouble for the fetich doctor by diminishing his prestige and punishing him for practising his art. So he regards white men as his special enemies, and it is possible, stirs up the natives against them.

DISRAELI WAS A COWARD.

The late earl of Beaconsfield was gifted with any amount of political and moral courage, but he was an abject coward physically. When he was still in his prime, his wife once said of him: "Benjamin is the greatest coward I ever saw. Why, do you know I always have to pull the string of his shower bath?" And the great man was fain to confess that this was actually the case.

THE HONOR OF POSSESSING THE GREATEST MARKET.

The honor of possessing the greatest market in the world belongs to Russia. It is situated in Moscow, covers twenty acres, and embraces a thousand different establishments, each of which is in its own proprietor. The place is its own proprietor. The place is its own proprietor. The place is its own proprietor.

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The satisfaction of having the washing done early in the day, and well done, belongs to every user of Sunlight Soap.

THE 100-MILE TRAIN.

We're Likely to Be Travelling at That Rate.

We note with pleasure that our space devouring friend, the 100-mile train, has not yet satiated their hunger for pace, and touched the record the other day for no less than 140 miles per hour, says the Street Railway Journal. They seem to be overcoming air pressure rather than anything else, and nothing about the motors failing or the pressure saving in the front end of the car.

Perhaps the doubting gentlemen who figured on the motors burning out from over-load at 80 miles per hour to 100 miles per hour will now be convinced that higher speeds are both possible and practicable. One hundred and forty miles per hour is a decidedly hot pace, but it will go to press. It has taken a good many years to evolve the 100-mile train, but this year we have him in triplicate, and just so it has been with electric railroading. Once the records began to break they fairly blew up and left only small fragments.

One hundred and forty miles per hour, even if not outside a considerable margin, still means that the hundred-mile-an-hour train is much nearer to reality than it has ever been before. That speed is quite feasible whenever it is demanded, and it is moreover, quite high enough to meet the requirements of humanity for some little time to come. Its real importance lies, as we have often remarked in its application to long lines on which the saving of time would be material. Cutting down the running time to Flatbush or Hackensack may defer the dyspepsia of the commuter for another season or two, but it is not commercially important. It is cutting the time on long runs that counts—reducing the time to Washington to less than three hours, and converting the trip to Chicago into a mere night's run.

It is now announced that the experiments have been conducted largely with the idea of the early application of the system to the railroad connecting Berlin with Hamburg, distant by rail 170 miles from each other, and that an early conversion of that line is by no means improbable. Somehow the hundred-mile-an-hour train looks nearer than it did a few months ago, and our spy-glass is still trained in the direction of Germany.

PHYSICIAN (to patient's wife): "Why did you delay sending for me until your husband was unconscious?"

WIFE: "Well, doctor, as long as he retained his senses he wouldn't let us send for you."

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss.

LUCAS COUNTY.

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"Confound the railroads!" exclaimed Subbubs, as he entered the office an hour late and took off his coat. "Train late again, I suppose?" asked Townley. "Not at all. For the first time in six months the measly thing was on time, and, of course, I missed it."

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Origin of the Peach.
Nothrus is now more universally accepted than the fact that the peach is an improved variety of the almond. The almond has a thin shell and the stone, which splits open and shows the stone when mature. This outer skin has simply become fleshy in the peach, so that it is all that gives it its specific character. It seems now clear from investigation in the history of ancient Italy that in their gardens, nearly 4,000 years ago, the peach was cultivated then as it is now.

It must have been many years before this that the peach was improved from the almond, and this fact goes to show the great antiquity of the fruit. Possibly gardening in some respects, at least so far as it relates to many of our cultivated fruits, was as far advanced 4,000 or 5,000 or perhaps 10,000 years back as it is today.

Phonicians, many thousands of years ago, as is proved by the records, had in their gardens almonds, apricots, bananas, citrons, figs, grapes, olives, peaches, pomegranates, and even sugar cane was in extensive cultivation. Certainly this shows how far advanced these nations were in garden culture many years ago.

Speeches of Men.
You may search through the annals of all time, and the speeches of men will tell the passions of the periods during which they flourished. The speeches of the ancients that have been preserved through the ages present to us our strongest and most important history of the past. They constitute the living sentiment of the literature of fame. In all the mighty tumults of war, the tranquil periods of peace and the convulsive shocks of revolution the orator stands in clear relief as impressive and enduring as the soldier. The great speeches of the great men of antiquity are in the mouth of the schoolboy. He cannot know Greece without Demosthenes. He cannot know Rome without Cicero. Still the stenographers of these centuries were unlike the stenographers of this, and so it will always remain a lasting regret that many of the most brilliant utterances of ancient oratory and wit have never been recorded.

A Cat and a Mouse.
Many, says a contributor, are distressed by the way in which a cat "plays" with a mouse before killing it. That the mouse does not suffer so much as might be expected is proved by certain facts told me by a friend a short time ago. Her cat after catching a mouse and "playing" with it for some time left it to go and eat some meat in a plate on the floor. To my friend's surprise, the mouse followed in spite of a broken leg and fed for awhile out of the same dish, the cat occasionally pushing the mouse aside when it came too close. When both had finished, the cat ate up his companion, who evidently feared death as little as the condemned murderers who, we are often told, "ate a hearty breakfast on the morning of their execution."

Mastication.
The primary object of mastication is to break up the food so as to facilitate the swallowing of it, and still more important, to insure its intimate admixture with the digestive juices, not only within the mouth, but throughout the entire digestive tract. Mastication has, however, other important and far reaching effects. Thus it promotes the flow of saliva and, when properly performed, secures a due insalivation of the food; it increases the quantity of alkaline saliva passing into the stomach; it stimulates the heart and circulation, and it finally influences the nutrition of the jaws and their appendages by stimulating the local blood and lymph circulation.

Fish Flour For Food.
The fisheries represent one of Norway's chief industries, and quantities of fish are sold at very low rates, particularly during summer. One way in which these are utilized is by means of an invention which quickly dries and pulverizes the flesh of fresh fish. The resulting product, called fish flour, is easy to transport from one place to another and has great nutritive value.

Those Dear Girl Friends.
Miss Utopia—I had my pictures taken last week, and today I got some of them. They are just as natural as life.
Miss Paracvenue—My, but you bear up cheerfully under misfortune! Aren't you going to even bring suit or anything?

Puzzled.
Miss Sarah reads: "Rev. Mr. Martgold taken to the hospital, a victim of locomotor ataxia." How dreadful! I wonder whether the poor man was run over or whether the thing blew up with him?

Drinking.
"Drink to me only with thine eyes," he sang beneath her casement.
"I wonder if I need my glasses?" pondered the maiden as she attired herself to go down.

Even More.
Forrester—Does your wife mean everything she says?
Lancaster—Yes, and lots of things she doesn't.

Family History.
"Both of my grandparents on my mother's side were nonagenarians," said Mrs. Oldcastle.
"Is that so?" replied her hostess. "My folks were all Baptists, but Josiah comes from a Methodist family."

Foolish jealousy will break down the sweetest home. It is a microbe that eats out the merriest heart.—Schoolmaster.

An Old Hunter's Advice.
Here is the advice an old hunter gives to those who may come in unexpected contact with bad animals:
"If you are cornered by a snake stand motionless and he will never bite."

"If a vicious dog attacks you show him a knife or some similar instrument, and he will keep out of reach. A dog can never learn the deadliness of a revolver or a gun, but unless he has the rabies he knows how to respect a knife."

"If a swarm of wild bees attacks you stand motionless and let out all your breath. Then only a few of the swarm will sting."

This advice should be reversed at sea. A man who is swimming in shark infested waters is safe as long as he kicks about and makes a great deal of noise. The shark is too timid to approach anything that looks as if it meant to fight.

"What would you do in case you were cornered by a cinnamon bear?" someone asked the old hunter.

"Say my prayers," he answered laconically.

They All Saw It Move.
Mrs. Burton, with her husband, Sir Richard Burton, the famous traveler, and two ladies, had driven out of Trieste to a village dance and were sitting in the carriage listening to the band. In telling of it she said:

Suddenly, at the top of a roof, I caught sight of a rat, which appeared to me to be spellbound by the music. "Look!" I said. "Don't move, but watch that rat fascinated by the music."

So we all sat and watched it and thought it most interesting that rats should be susceptible to music like lizards and snakes.

We all saw it move. We all saw its head turn and its tail move, and we kept still, not to frighten it away. The next day, feeling so much interested in the affair, we sent to inquire about it. The rat, it turned out, was made of painted tin and fixed to the top of the house. So much for imagination.

A Rigid Sabbatarian.
A Canadian university man is enlivening his home circle with the following story: He was touring in Scotland last summer. One Sunday morning he put his little hammer in his pocket (he is an amateur geologist) and, strolling out upon the hills, began to chip off such specimens of rock as interested him. A native passing by looked on with a frown. "Sir," he said, "do ye ken yer breakin' more than stones there?" "Breakin' the Sabbath, eh?" said the young Canadian, with a laugh, and, to appease the Scot, he put away the hammer and walked a little way with him. A turn of the rock revealed the ruins of a castle. "What castle is that?" said the stranger. "It's noo the day," was the severe reply, "to be speirin' sic things."—London Outlook.

A Tree That Grows Dishes.
There is a tree in the West Indies that the natives say "grows dishes!" It looks like an apple tree. They call it the calabash. It bears very queer leaves and large white blossoms that grow right from the trunk and larger branches. After the flower comes the fruit, just as our apples or peaches do. But this fruit is in the shape of a gourd, only stronger and much larger, sometimes a foot in diameter. Now, see what a use the people of that country make of this fruit. The shell is so hard that all sorts of big and little dishes and drinking cups can be carved out of it. Even pots and kettles are made and used over the fire, but of course they cannot last as long as our iron ones.

Fetch'd 'Em.
"Hello, Miggles! How are you getting along with that suit of yours against the railroad on account of personal injuries?"
"I brought 'em to time, old man. I brought 'em to time!"
"What! Did you get the \$50,000 you sued for?"
"No; we sort o'—er—compromised on the amount. They offered me \$250 cash, and I took 'em up so blamed quick it made their heads swim. I got it, too, by George!"

What It Is That Wins.
A country woman remarked to her neighbor during a conversation on their return from market. "How is it, Mary, that you have been married four times, and I've never been married at all, and I'm much handsomer than you?"
"Aye, to be sure," returned Mary. "but it ain't handsomeness that does it, Sarah. It's the 'come hither' in your eye."

Bird Migration.
After years of study devoted to the topic Professor Alfred Newton of Cambridge stated that without doubt bird migration is the greatest mystery in the entire animal kingdom. "A mystery," he added, "that can be no more explained by the modern man of science than by the simple minded savage of antiquity."

Not Just What She Meant.
A little community of colored people in Alabama had raised the money to build a new church, and the dedication was to take place the next day. "Where are you going tomorrow?" the school-teacher asked one young girl. Smiling radiantly, she answered, "I'm going to the degradation of our church!"

His Thought.
"I'm going to tell him what I think of him," said the angry man. "What do you think of it?"
"I think," was the reply, "that he must be a smaller man than you are or else you think pretty well of him."

"I was well; I would be better; here I lie," is the epitaph on a tombstone in England.

It Was a Success.
A young lady who engages largely in church and mission work was recently the moving spirit in some amateur theatricals which were got up in the interest of a deserving local charity. The entertainment was billed, and the performance was duly given. But somehow or other no notice was taken of it in the local newspapers. A few days later a friend met the young lady in question, when the conversation turned to the theatricals.
"Was the entertainment a success?"
"I should think it was," replied the lady, with a smile. "Why, we got over \$100."
"Is that so?" said the friend. "Then you must have had a large audience."
"Well, no," she replied. "We only took \$1.50 at the door, but father gave us a check for \$100 if we would promise never to do it again."

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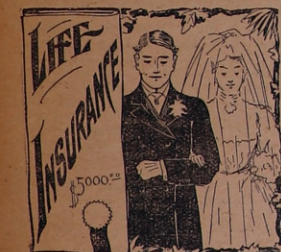
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RAILWAY TIME TABLE.
Trains call at Stirling station as follows:—
GOING WEST. GOING EAST.
Mail & Ex. 6:27 a.m. Accom. 10:35 a.m.
Accom. 6:48 p.m. Mail & Ex. 8:43 p.m.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1903.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Milne left on the
early train this morning for their new
home at Aurora.

The Central Cheese Company have
accepted the tender of Mr. Barker as
maker for the season of 1904.

The largest and finest line of Xmas
goods at Parker's Drug Store.

Remember the Entertainment with
the pupils of the High School in the
Music Hall to-morrow evening. A
splendid programme will be rendered.

Big sale of fancy stand and hanging
lamps at Parker's Drug Store.

Messrs. Utman and Ricord shipped
to Montreal from this place on Friday
last eighteen fine horses. The prices
paid to farmers ranged from \$60 to \$190.
The lot cost \$2,181, and \$125 expenses
to Montreal.

Meet me at Fred Ward's on Saturday
evening next.

Many cheese factories have held their
annual meetings during the past week,
and a large amount of money has been
paid to patrons. This money should be
kept in circulation by every person pay-
ing off their debts.

Bibles, church services, hymn books at
Parker's Drug Store.

Miss Emma Connor has passed her
final examination by the College of
Physicians and Surgeons, and is now
entitled to write M.D. after her name.
We are informed that she intends going
to India as a missionary.

Xmas Ties, Mufflers, and Handkerchiefs
at Ward's.

A Christmas Tree and entertainment
by the children of Trinity Church,
Frankford, and some of the older
friends will be given in Curry's hall,
on Monday evening, Dec. 21st. A
good programme will be rendered.

Xmas cards, calendars, and gift books at
Parker's Drug Store.

Keep in mind the entertainment to be
given by the Methodist Sunday School
on Christmas night. A good programme
of songs, recitations, dialogues, and
drills, is promised. Everybody come.
Admission 25c., children 15c.

Of course you'll read Fred Ward's ad-
vertisement to save money.

Mr. A. W. Beall, B.A., was the
guest of Rev. and Mrs. Burns at the
Manse while in Stirling. Mr. Beall is
doing a grand work with the boys and
girls of our fair land along the line of
the Personal Purity movement under
the auspices of W. C. T. U.

Santa Claus leaves his best toys at Par-
ker's Drug Store.

Mr. Charles Butler, a well known
former resident of Stirling, died at the
residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Harry
Harris, Toronto, on Tuesday last. Mr.
Butler was well known all through
this section of country, having been
baillif and licensed auctioneer for many
years. He was over eighty-eight years
of age.

The prettiest line of Xmas perfumes
ever had—on sale now at Parker's Drug
Store.

A great many farmers and others
who have had stray animals come on
their premises have been under the im-
pression that they can claim costs from
the time the said animals came to the
premises, whether they advertised them
or not. This is wrong. They cannot
claim expenses other than the time they
are advertised.

The annual entertainment and Christ-
mas Tree of Salem Sunday School will
be held on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd. A first
class programme is being prepared. Doors
open at 6 p.m. Admission 10c. and 25c.

Stirling Public Library was formally
opened on Tuesday evening last. A
good number of citizens and subscribers
visited rooms and expressed themselves
as well pleased with the arrangements.
The library will be open on Monday
and Saturday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30,
and on Wednesday afternoons from 2 to
6. There are nearly 600 volumes of
choice books in the library.

A meeting of the Stirling School
Board was held on Saturday evening
last, when Miss Annie H. Martin, of
Campbellford, was engaged as teacher
of the second department of the Public
School, duties to commence in Janu-
ary. We are informed there were 14
applications, some of which were ac-
companied by very high testimonials.
Miss Martin made a personal applica-
tion, and this appears to have had
great weight with the majority of the
Board.

The anniversary services of Mount
Pleasant Church will be held on Sun-
day, Dec. 20th. Services to be con-
ducted morning and evening by Rev.
Mr. Steel, of Hastings. On the follow-
ing Monday evening, Dec. 21st, the
annual Sunday School entertainment will
be given. A first class programme
is being prepared, even better than any
before. Lunch served. Don't miss the
event of the season. Come and see for
yourself. Admission, children 15c.,
adults 25c.

Miss Lillian B. Stickle, of Hamilton, is
home for the holidays.

Mr. Arthur Judd, of the Free Press
staff, Winnipeg, is home on a visit.

The little son of Mrs. F. McComb,
Front St. west, accidentally fell on
Monday last, fracturing his collar bone.

Stocking legs by the yard at Ward's, 20c.
and 25c.

D. G. M., Dr. Wright, of Picton,
made Stirling Lodge A. F. & A. M., his
official visit on Thursday evening last,
the 10th inst.

Look at Fred Ward's windows for Xmas
Gifts.

A skating rink is being prepared on
the mill pond, by Mr. W. U. Grain,
who has managed a rink here for a
number of seasons.

FOUND—On Front St., recently, a pair
of Lady's Imitation Lamb Gauntlets. The
owner can have same by calling at this
office and paying for this advertisement.

Mr. D. Derbyshire, in addressing the
County Council last week stated that
this year over \$27,000,000 worth of
cheese had been exported from Canada.

The Sunday School entertainment and
Christmas tree in connection with the
Sunday School of St. Thomas Church, 8th
line of Rawdon, will be held (O.V.) in the
Orange Hall of Lodge No. 509, on Tuesday,
Dec. 22nd. An excellent programme has
been carefully prepared, consisting of
songs, recitations, dialogues, etc., and dur-
ing the course of the evening our venerable
and long time friend, "Santa Claus," will
make his appearance, and gladden the
hearts of the children and friends by his
presence. Admission 15c. Children 10c.
Entertainment to commence
at 8 p.m.

A Farewell Presentation.

The Kirk Session of St. Andrew's
Church, Stirling, on behalf of the con-
gregation, called at the home of Mr.
and Mrs. Jas. Milne on the eve of their
departure to their new home in Aurora,
and presented them with a well filled
purse of gold, as an expression of the
good wishes of their many friends in
St. Andrew's Church.

Mr. Milne has been identified with
the Presbyterian Church in Stirling
since the days of its infancy, now nearly
half a century, and has acceptably
filled the position as an Elder of the
Kirk Session for over thirty-three years.
The session and congregation, while
parting with Mr. and Mrs. Milne with
sincere regret, yet wish them many
happy days in their new home.

S. SUTHERLAND BURNS, Pastor.
FRED T. WARD, Session Clerk.
LINDSAY MEIKLEJOHN, Repre-
sentative Elder.

County and District Items.

The Bancroft Reporter says a pump
factory and a hub and spoke factory
are about to be established in Bancroft.

There will be six trustees to be elected
to the Campbellford School Board
this year, three of whom are for vacan-
cies caused by death.

Mr. Hugh McKinnon, former chief
of police at Hamilton, and a well-known
athlete, died at Dawson. He was former-
ly chief of police at Belleville.

Bancroft Times:—The bridge at Com-
bermere is being taken down and will
be replaced by a first class wooden
structure to be built by the Govern-
ment.

Two of the teachers in the Campbell-
ford High School, Geo. A. Kingston
and Nathan L. Wilson, have tendered
their resignations, which have been
accepted.

The Bancroft Reporter says:—"About
a dozen factories in this district lost
to the extent of from one to three hundred
dollars each through the failure of F.
W. Brenton."

Rev. M. McLean has tendered his
resignation as pastor of St. Andrew's
Church, Belleville, to take effect the
1st of March next. He has been pastor
of the church for thirty years.

A party of surveyors, in charge of
Mr. S. D. Evans, C.E., arrived in town
on Tuesday, and are busily engaged in
locating the line for the proposed ex-
tension of the C. O. R. to Whitney.—
Bancroft Times.

On Wednesday morning three barns
belonging to Mr. Richard Farrell, near
Madoc, were destroyed by fire. The
contents were also destroyed. All the
stock was saved with the exception of
one team, some pigs and poultry. The
fire caught from a spark from an engine
used in threshing clover. The barns
were all new and the contents valuable.
The damage is estimated at
\$5000. The amount of insurance could
not be learned.

There are said to be strong indica-
tions of coal oil near the western bound-
ary of Campbellford, on the premises of
Mr. Abram Free. The Herald says:—
"Mr. Free is about to communicate
with prospectors with a view to having
a test made, and possibly the search
might not be fruitless. Many times
small pockets of coal oil have been
found in this locality, and for what
any one knows there may be a great
lake of it away down hundreds of feet
beneath the great strata of rock which
is found in this locality. A Bulgarian
monk who many years ago travelled
through the country, told the editor of
this paper that it was his impression
that oil could be discovered here. It
would be a bonanza worth having."

A strong company has been formed
to work corundum mines in the town-
ship of Raglan, Renfrew County. The
company has applied for the patent
rights of 600 acres of land on which
they propose erecting one of the largest
corundum reduction plants in the
world. P. Kirkcaldy, general man-
ager of the Canadian Gold Fields Com-
pany, will be made manager of the
mines. It is expected to have the plant
in operation by July, 1905. It is held
that corundum, in addition to its abra-
sive properties, can be utilized as an il-
luminant, and it is to this latter de-
voting its energies, sufficient of the
product being already contracted for, it
is said, to keep the plant running for
two years.

Ayer's

Bald? Scalp shiny and thin?
Then it's probably too late.
You neglected dandruff. If
you had only taken our ad-
vice, you would have cured

Hair Vigor

the dandruff, saved your hair,
and added much to it. If
not entirely bald, now is your
opportunity. Improve it.

"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for over 40
years. I am now 81 years old and my hair
grows of rich brown hair, due, I think, en-
tirely to Ayer's Hair Vigor."
—Mrs. M. A. Keith, Belleville, Ill.
All druggists and J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Good Hair

Dead or Likely to Die.

Get your family group taken before
death takes one out. Get your picture
taken now. As there is a heavy
growth of rich brown hair, due, I think, en-
tirely to Ayer's Hair Vigor.
Photos at Eggleton's, everybody is getting them.
We have a large assortment of
up-to-date cards just in, and all work
guaranteed. Dark days are as good as
sunshine, only come early in the day.

Open Xmas Day.
T. A. EGGLETON.

PLUM GROVE FACTORY.

The annual meeting of Plum Grove
Cheese Manufacturing Company will be
held at the factory, on Saturday, Dec. 10th,
at one o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of pay-
ing dividends, election of officers, engag-
ing cheesemaker, and any other business
that may be brought before the meeting.

FRED. FANNING, Pres.

Tenders Wanted.

Tenders will be received, for the erection
of a Brick School House for S. S. No. 13 in
the Township of Rawdon, until Dec. 21st,
A.D. 1903. Plans and specifications may
be seen at the residence of G. A. Snarr, at
Harold. The lowest or any tender not
necessarily accepted.

G. A. SNARR, Sec.-Treas.,
S. S. No. 13, Harold.

In the Surrogate Court of the County of Hastings.

In the estate of James Doak, late of the Vil-
lage of Stirling, in the County of Hastings,
gentleman, deceased.
Whereas the late James Doak departed this
life leaving a last will and testament, by
which he directed a legacy to be handed over
by his said executor therein named, to Annie
Robinson, his niece, who was born in the
Township of Rawdon, in the County of Hastings.
Therefore the said executor has caused
this notice to be published in the Stirling
News-Argus for the purpose of locating the
said Annie Robinson, who was last known to
reside in the City of Detroit, State of Michigan,
one of the United States of America, on or
before the 18th day of January the said executor
will proceed to distribute the said legacy
to those next entitled.

All information to be addressed to the executor,
W. L. Bird, Halloway, P.O.
Dated at Stirling, this 17th day of Dec., 1903.

G. G. THRASHER,
Solicitor for Executor.

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XMAS AND NEW YEAR'S.

Our display of Fancy China is larger
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GROCERIES.

You will always find a fresh and a
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We will pay highest prices for Tur-
keys, Geese, Ducks, and Chickens.

S. HOLDEN.

FARM FOR SALE

The East Half of Lot 10, in the 3rd Con-
cession, containing 100 acres. Good
large brick house, and good barns and out-
buildings. A never failing spring near
barn. Good orchard. The farm is a first
class one, and known as the Radford farm.
For terms and further particulars, apply
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N. B. WHITE, Stirling.

CUTTERS.

I am getting in my stock of Cutters, of
the best make, style and finish, trimmed
with Mohair Plush in a variety of colors,
up-to-date in every respect. In purchasing,
having taken the advantage of all the re-
bates and discounts possible, therefore, I
am sure it will pay intending purchasers
to call and see my stock and get prices.
Also, Long Sleighs with boxes, in stock.
Sale rooms adjoining S. Wright's Black-
smith Shop, Stirling.

B. BUSH.

NOTICE.

Having leased the late John A.
Joyce's Blacksmith stand for a term
of years, I am now prepared to do all
kinds of Blacksmith Work. Solicit-
ing a call from all of my old customers
and as many new ones as can see fit
to do so.

N. LANKTREE.

P.S.—A full line of Cutters, Cream
Separators, and all kinds of MARSEY-
HARRIS Farm Implements on hand.
LANKTREE & FRIEND, Agents,
Joyce's Old Stand, Stirling.

THE PEOPLE'S POPULAR CASH STORE.

Fill your Winter Wants at G. N.
MONTGOMERY'S.

In MEN'S UNDERWEAR you need not go elsewhere. He has some
values superior to any ever shown before. Don't miss looking at our 25c.
line. They are special. A very complete range and prices we guarantee.

LADIES' HOSIERY.—Now is the time to make your purchase in heavy,
Wool Hosiery, before you catch cold; and to do so you always want to get the
best. Try G. N. MONTGOMERY'S, he has some values that will set you think-
ing.

Men's Kid Gloves and Mitts, Driving Mitts, Wool Gloves and Mitts. Our
values are pocket catchers.

FLANNELETTES and SHIRTINGS.—In these our assortment is very
large, and you can save money when buying at this store. Our prices range
from 5c. to 15c. yd.

FLANNELETTE SHEETS.—We have some at very low figures. You
all want them. And now is the time to buy when they are cheap.

TABLE LINENS and TOWELLINGS.—At 25c. We have a winner, 62
inches. At 35c., something you all want for the money. At 45c., very special
value, 64 inches. At 50c., pure linen, bleached. At 75c. and \$1.00, with
napkins to match.

TABLE NAPKINS.—We have them to suit, in price and quality.

TOWELLINGS from 4c. yd. and upwards.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR.—We don't need to
mention our values. Ask to see them when here. Our values talk for these
goods, and we want you all to see them before buying elsewhere.

LADIES' STOCK COLLARS.—All new this week, and something you
will want when you see our large assortment, at prices from 25c. to \$1.00. ea.
All of the very latest styles.

LADIES' WRAPPERS.—We have mentioned very little about them
before, and now our stock is most complete. Now is the time every lady
wants one, and G. N. Montgomery's is the place to buy.

LADIES' FLANNELETTE UNDERWEAR is going fast. We have
some odd lines and they must be cleared out to make room for our Xmas
goods. Special bargains.

FANCY TABLE SPREADS and BED QUILTS.—Our values are the
best made and prices cap them all.

GROCERIES.

PURE AND FRESH.

Don't forget when coming to town with your Poultry, Dried Apples, Butter
and Eggs, where to go. Try G. N. MONTGOMERY. You will be more than
satisfied with his values.

Try his 25c. Tea. He has something very special. You cannot get any
better.

COFFEES.—He has the very best. Every pound guaranteed. Call for a
sample. It will please everybody.

Dinner Set Free To Our Customers.

Special offer to our many customers who want to purchase a Dinner Set
Free. To do so, take a coupon for every 25c. cash purchase at this store, and
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G. N. MONTGOMERY.
Don't forget where we are MILNE'S OLD STAND.

THE GREAT CHARITY.

THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, TORONTO.

It Takes Care of Every Sick Child in Ontario Who Cannot Afford to Pay
For Treatment.

The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto,
is not a local institution—it is Provincial.

The sick child from any part of
Ontario whose par-
ents cannot afford to
pay for treatment has the
same claim as the child
born within sight of its walls.

This is the reason that the Trustees ap-
peal to the fathers and mothers of On-
tario—for as their money goes out to help
the Hospital so the Hospital's mercy can
go out to help the children.

This is the 25th year of the Hospital's
life. The story of the years is a wonder-
ful one—for in that period 100,000 children
have been treated, and over 5,000 cured
and 3,000 improved.

Last year there were 869 boys and girls
in its beds and cots, and of these 493 were
cured and 247 improved.

Look at these pictures of club feet—be-
fore and after.

Of the 868 patients 293 came from 216
places outside of Toronto.

In three years the patients from different
parts of Ontario, not Toronto, average 250
—nearly a third of the entire number.

In six years 1,400 outside patients have
been treated—and for 20 years past they
will average 100 a year.

A dollar or two means a small lot of
money out of your pocket, but it takes a
big load of misery out of some little life.

The X-Ray department gives wonderful
results. A girl came in with a double
thumb on one hand. She left with one
thumb—a perfect hand.

See what the hand of the Surgeon does
for the crippled children of Ontario.

Money kept from the Hospital is mercy
kept from the children.

If you know of a sick child—the club
foot boy or girl—send his parent's name to
the Hospital.

Recipients of your contributions to J.
Ross Robertson, Chairman, or to Douglas
Davidson, Sec.-Treas. of the Hospital for
Sick Children, College Street, Toronto.

garg their warning.

THE SONG OF THE ROBIN IS GONE, AND COLD, COLD WINTER IS HERE WITH ITS BITING BLAST.

Xmas Holidays will soon again be with us, bringing with it all its pleasant memories of the past of kindness shown, of family reunion, of loving gifts, and all the grateful associations of which Xmas brings a pleasant reminder. The season which brought spiritual blessings to our whole human race,—why should we not try to make each other happy in that season so full of joy and significance to us all. Our sincere wish is that all will have a happy, happy Xmas. We like to talk to you about our Furs and our business, but satisfied that our

friendly greetings should come first. Lots of Goods in Furs to make one feel warm, happy and comfortable for little money. We like the Fur trade, and have become quite expert in getting the new, well made, up-to-date kind. This is what we advertise, and what we are prepared to show you. We wish the Ladies especially to visit us,—their taste for well made goods being much in advance of the sterner sex, and our compliments go to give them a hearty welcome to see our supply of Fine Furs.

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**FANCY CHINA,
HAND DECORATED WARE,
HANGING LAMPS,
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Everything in CHIMNEYS, BURNERS and LAMP
SUNDRIES.

SPECIAL.

We will sell for cash, and deliver to any place in town if
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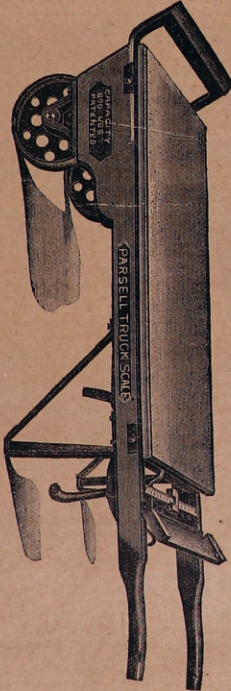
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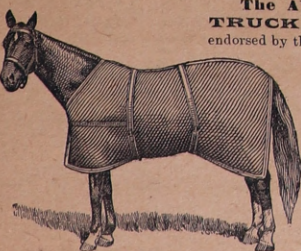
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"The 20th Century" Washer
works in Ball Bearings.



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endorsed by the Government.



"Stay On" HORSE BLANKETS,

also, with leg attachment; Wool Covers, Oil Cloth Rugs, and Lap Rugs.
BELLS, of all kinds. Extra value in WHIPS.

XMAS GOODS.

FOR THE CHILDREN—Sleighs of all kinds, Toy Snow Shovels, Wheel
Barrows, Carts, Doll Carriages and numerous other lines.

Special lines in SILVERWARE and NICKLE PLATED GOODS,
CASED CARVERS, etc.

H. & J. WARREN,
HARDWARE, STOVES & TINWARE, MILL STREET.

STRAYED.

Came into the premises of the under-
signed, on or about the 15th of October
last, a Heifer Calf. The owner is requested
to prove property, pay charges and take
her away.

ARTHUR JUBY,
Lot 34, 9th Con. Sidney.

REMOVAL NOTICE.

W. C. MIKEL, B.C.L. Barrister, Solicitor,
Belleville, Ont., Solicitor for the City of
Belleville.
Office removed to the City Hall where he
will continue a general practice of law except
as against the Corporation of the City of
Belleville.
Money to Loan at 4.5 or 5 per cent. accord-
ing to quality of security. Telephone, No. 195

County Council.

The Council met on Tuesday, Dec.
7th. All the members present.

After a brief address from the Warden,
a number of communications were
read, among which was one from Mr.
G. G. Thrasher, of Stirling, claiming
\$200 damages for Mr. J. S. Brown on
account of an accident caused by a de-
fective sidewalk on the county road in
this village. Also one from John
Waterhouse, of Marmora, who claimed
\$65 damages for injuries received by
himself and Miss Florence Waterhouse,
owing to an accident caused by a de-
fective culvert.

The Clerk presented a report in refer-
ence to repairs made to the bridge on
Squire's Creek, between the township of
Rawdon and Seymour. The cost was
\$114.13, and this amount was equally
divided between this and Northumber-
land County. Received and adopted.

Mr. McFarlane called attention to
the fact that the town of Trenton was
indebted to the county for a consider-
able amount, and some effort should be
made to have the same straightened
out. He moved, seconded by Mr. Par-
ker, that the Treasurer furnish to the
Council a statement of the indebtedness
of the town of Trenton to the county.
Carried.

WEDNESDAY'S SESSIONS.

The County Treasurer stated that the
town of Trenton owed the county when
the audit was made, \$6,833.25. Since
the audit another year's taxes had ac-
crued.

Mr. McFarlane, chairman of the Ex-
ecutive Committee, presented a report,
which showed that committee had ex-
pended \$559.85 since the June session.

Moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded
by Mr. Parker, that the grant of \$100
made in 1900 to assist in making im-
provements to a road in Rawdon town-
ship, be paid, as the township Council
had performed their part of the work.
Carried.

Messrs. Clarke, Mallory and Parker
were appointed a committee to look into
the claim of John Waterhouse for
damages.

A deputation consisting of Messrs. D.
Derbyshire, of Brockville, President of
the Eastern Ontario Dairyman's Asso-
ciation, W. J. McGrath, Wm. Clazie,
and Dr. Simmons, addressed the Coun-
cil, and asked for a grant to assist in
erecting the expenses of the Dairy-
men's Association convention, which
will be held in Belleville for three days
during the month of January. A grant
of \$150 was unanimously made by the
Council.

THURSDAY'S SESSIONS.

Mr. Clarke, chairman of the Gravel
Roads and Bridges Committee, presented
a report in reference to the work
done during the season of 1903. There
has been expended on roads \$13,088.63,
on bridges \$1,044.44, machinery \$446.71.

The special committee appointed to
consider the claims of John Water-
house and W. Sayers, for damages for
driving off a culvert, reported, recom-
mending that no action be taken.

After some discussion the matter was
referred to the January session.

Mr. James White, treasurer of the
Madec School Board, addressed the
Council, asking a grant of \$100 instead
of \$50 which was given last year. The
matter was referred to Committee.

Mr. McFarlane stated that Mr. John
Bell, K.C., who had been County Soli-
citor for a number of years, was incapaci-
tated for further work, and it would, he
thought, be necessary to appoint a suc-
cessor.

Mr. Hanley moved, seconded by Dr.
Faulkner, that the matter of appointing
another solicitor be laid over until the
January session.

This motion was defeated, and Mr.
McFarlane gave notice of a by-law ap-
pointing a new County Solicitor.

The report of the work done on the
county roads for the season was read.

Mr. McFarlane said it was an in-
justice that some of the foremen on the
county roads were exceeding their ap-
propriations too much. This should be
remedied.

Mr. Hanley was of the opinion that
some of the foremen would have to be
dismissed if they did not keep within
their appropriations.

Mr. Fleming said Huntingdon had a
grievance. He had tried to get the
crusher into the township, but could
not do so, and the roads were still un-
repaired.

Mr. Parker told of how bridge men
worked and it was nothing to their
credit the way they handled material.

Mr. G. Nicholson had the same to say
of men on gravel road gangs.

Mr. Fleming drew the attention of
the committee to the crossing over the
C. P. R. track from Crookston to
Pringle's Mills. He said it was a very
dangerous place.

Mr. Thompson drew attention to the
drains on the county road near Spring-
brook. He said it should be attended
to or there would be a flooded road in
the spring. He moved that if the work
could be done satisfactorily this fall it
should be completed. The motion
passed.

FRIDAY'S SESSIONS.

Mr. Mallory took up the question of

the amendment to the Municipal Act,
affecting the representation to county
councils. He was in favor of the pre-
sent system, and did not want any
change. By the amendment, if adopted
the County Council would be composed
of twenty-three reeves, and he was
afraid the northern portion of the
county would have too strong a rep-
resentation. He moved that a memorial
be presented to the Government, asking
that body to relieve the County of Has-
tings so far as this new amendment is
concerned.

Mr. Hanley agreed with Mr. Mal-
lory's remarks.

Mr. Parker did not think a petition
to the Government would have any
weight.

Dr. Faulkner suggested that this
matter be laid over until the January
session. He was somewhat favorable
to the principle of the Reeves being the
representatives to the County Council.

Mr. Fleming was in favor of the
Reeves being the representatives to the
County Council.

Upon a vote being taken Mr. Mal-
lory's motion prevailed, the following
members voting for it: Messrs. Mal-
lory, McFarlane, Hanley, G. Nichol-
son, Denyes, Faulkner and Lancaster.
The Warden voted in favor of the
motion and declared it carried.

Mr. Parker asked if any action was
to be taken in reference to Trenton's
indebtedness to the county. The town
now owes the county over \$8,000 and
no effort was made to pay the same.
He was in favor of taking some means
to compel the payment of one-third of
the amount before the January session.

Mr. McFarlane agreed with Mr.
Parker, and that was one reason why
he proposed to have a County Solicitor
appointed.

Mr. Parker—"Take over the town
and run it for the county."

The Clerk suggested that another re-
quest for payment be made, and if not
complied with a writ might be issued
against the town.

The matter was left in abeyance until
the next Solicitor was appointed.

A committee composed of Messrs.
Clarke, Mallory, Hanley and Parker
was appointed to investigate alleged
charges against certain of the foremen
in the employ of the County.

A by-law was passed appointing
Messrs. Morden Bird and W. C. Farley
county auditors for 1904.

A by-law was passed appointing Mr.
S. Masson county solicitor.

Mr. G. G. Thrasher was heard in re-
ference to the injuries to Mr. J. S.
Brown, and his claim for damages.
After some discussion a motion was
passed that no action be taken.

The report of Saturday's session is
left over until next week.

Ogilvie's elevator safe at Argue, Man.
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Molded Fish.—Butter an oval mold, lay in it a strip of boned fish, then a layer of breadcrumbs seasoned with melted butter, onion juice, chopped parsley and lemon juice, pepper, salt and curry. Add more fish and crumbs till the mold is full. Moisten with one half cup of milk or water and the whole or white of one egg, to bind the mixture together. Bake for one-half hour. Have a little of butter. Bake for one-half hour, unmold on a platter and serve with Spanish sauce. Oysters dipped in buttered crumbs may be substituted for the seasoned crumbs and a Hollandaise sauce used.

Baked Stuffed Fish.—Another way to bake fish with crumbs is to prepare a stuffing with one-half cup of bread crumbs, one-fourth cup of cracked crumbs, a few drops of onion juice, one-fourth teaspoon of salt, one-eighth teaspoon of pepper, one tablespoon of chopped parsley, two tablespoons of chopped pickles. Bind together with hot water. Lay one-half a boned fish on a tin sheet in a baking pan, add the stuffing in a layer, then the second strip of fish and bake for one-half hour. Serve with egg sauce. The whole fish, dressed for stuffing, may be filled with these seasoned crumbs, placed erect in a tin, in the shape of an S, larded with salt pork wedges and baked till brown. Lift it out carefully on the tin sheet, slide it on to a platter, garnish with sprigs of parsley, cross or celery stalks in the eyes and mouth and serve with any fish sauce.

A solid piece of halibut or cod may be baked without stuffing. Wash and dry the fish. Remove the skin by dipping the fish a moment in boiling water and then scraping the loosened skin off with a sharp knife. Place the fish on a tin sheet in a baking pan. Season it with salt and pepper, sprinkle the bread crumbs and lay upon it several wedges of salt pork. Bake for three-quarters of an hour and serve with any fish sauce. This solid piece of fish may be stuffed by removing the central bone and filling the cavity with seasoned crumbs, then proceed as directed above. Fish turban make an attractive dish. Take thin strips of halibut, cod or haddock, roll and skewer them with wooden toothpicks. Spread with melted butter, sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place on each turban a slice of onion and let stand for half an hour. Remove the onion and bake the fish in a shallow tin from fifteen to twenty minutes. Serve with tomato sauce.

Broiled Fish.—Among the most delicate fish for broiling are lake or salmon trout and whitefish, which are fresh-water fish from the Great Lakes and are in season during the winter. Broiling seems to be a simple process, yet it requires care and attention to prepare the fish without burning it. No cook can put a fish over the coals in a broiler and go away to attend to the rest of the dinner. Everything should be made ready for serving before starting to broil the fish, which must be watched and turned and timed. With a bright hot fire, which broiling requires, a fish one inch thick will cook in twelve to fifteen minutes, more time being needed for a thick fish like salmon, whitefish or shad. Use a double wire broiler well greased with salt pork to keep the fish from breaking and sticking. Lay the fish over the fire, flesh side down, and broil it till it is a golden brown, lifting occasionally if necessary. Cook it from eight to twelve minutes, then turn onto the skin side and broil it four or five minutes. Remove to a hot platter, rub the fish with soft butter, garnish with parsley and quarters of lemon and serve. Halibut, cod, salmon, steaks, bluefish, mackerel, butterfish, sea trout and shad are good fish for broiling. If very thick, the cooking may be completed in the oven.

Boiling and Steaming Fish.—In boiling or steaming fish much is lost or wasted by absorption into the boiling water or by evaporation. Boiling is far from an economical process, but it is often convenient. A thick, solid piece of fish is required, salmon, cod, halibut and red snapper being best to boil. Some cooks advocate boiling fish in court bouillon, which is made thus: "Mince one onion, stalks of celery, three springs of parsley and fry them brown in a little butter. Add two tablespoons of salt, six pepper corns, one bay leaf, three cloves, two quarts of boiling water and one pint of vinegar or sour wine. Boil for fifteen minutes, skim well, strain and add the fish. Simmer until the flesh leaves the bones." A simpler method is to add a little vinegar or lemon juice to the boiling water or to use no seasoning except salt, depending upon a seasoned shape for flavor. To keep fish in shape it is well to tie it in a piece

of cheesecloth or mosquito netting. Place it in a fish steamer or immerse it in boiling water to cover, adding one teaspoon of salt. Let the water boil gently from twenty to 30 minutes, the time depending upon the quality and quantity of the fish. Too much boiling makes fish watery. When it is tender, remove it carefully to a hot platter, garnish with sliced hard-boiled eggs, pickled beets, lemon and parsley and serve with any fish sauce, such as oyster, white, shrimp or tomato.

Fried Fish.—Fried fish is very popular and though much has been said about the indigestibility of fried food, there's no denying the fact that it tastes good. When properly cooked, fried fish need not be dangerous to persons of sound digestion, if used in moderation, but not too often. The trouble with fried fish arises from the hardening of the fish and its tendency to absorb grease, both of which conditions retard digestion. There are two methods of frying. One is to immerse the fish in boiling oil and the other to fry it in a pan with salt pork scraps. The latter is the more tasty, the former more rapid and less likely to absorb the fat if the fish is drained on brown paper. Small fish like trout, smelts, perch and pickered are dipped whole in flour, Indian meal or egg and crumbs and fried crisp. Cod, halibut, haddock, flounders, sole, etc., are cut in slices or fillets, dipped and fried either way.

In selecting fish the purchaser should see that the skin and scales are bright, the eyes full and clear and the flesh firm. Beware of fish that is unusually cheap; it has probably been kept in cold storage and is far from fresh. Canned fish is sometimes doubtful and should be used with discretion, always removing it immediately on opening the tin and letting it stand for an hour or more before using, to absorb oxygen.

WAYS OF JAPANESE.

Curious Rules Regarding Bathing and Travelling.

The following are rules laid down for bathers at Kamakura, Japan:

1. Give yourself a wash once a year, whether you need it or not.
2. If you catch cold and die after it, be consoled with the thought that you might have died sooner.
3. Bathing is requested not to pinch the jellyfish, but be kind to the poor things; it is not their fault.
4. If you stub your toe against a very sharp stone, count ten.
5. If two toes, count twenty.
6. Then say "Maud jam and plaster it!" This heals the wound quickly.

The following are the railway regulations:

1. Holders of first-class tickets must travel second, holders of second-class tickets must travel first. If there is room, there ought not to be.
2. Always correct your watch before missing trains.
3. Students of anatomy are recommended to notice the remarkable exhibitions in the trains. These are provided without extra charge, and include all varieties and gradations of genus homo in puris naturalibus.
4. If the passenger facing you stares very hard at you, hand him a telescope. If you have not got one, don't.
5. When eating grapes or other fruits in the train, put the seeds, bits of skin, etc., into your neighbor's pocket, unobserved if possible.
6. When looking through all your pockets for your ticket, always try the last one first.
7. Another way is to buy several tickets at a time, as many as you have pockets for, and you will then find you put it in your hat, or gave it to a friend to carry.
8. The best way is to have the ticket in a parchment envelope 24 inches by 18, hung over your shoulder with a strap, and then you can always find it.
9. The easiest way is to be a girl, and make a man friend carry it. Then if it gets lost, so much the more fun. What are men for, anyhow?

ATHLETIC PRINCESSES

English Queen and Her Daughters Fond of Outdoor Sports.

Queen Alexandra has always been an advocate of games and athletics for girls, if kept within reason. She was very fond of all outdoor games as a child. In running she was swift of foot as Atalanta, and skating came as naturally to her as walking. "Never," writes an enthusiastic admirer of her, the mother of the then princess look more graceful and fast-like than when skimming over the ice on her skates. She seemed to express the poetry of motion.

Although fond of riding, the queen, owing to the necessity of sitting on the wrong side of the saddle, has not been a great horsewoman. Being was at one time a favorite amusement of hers, and people living around Sandringham used to watch for the pretty pair of grays she tool- ed along so deftly. On one of her birthdays a litter of carriage, with four ponies, was given her by the emperor of Russia, and she drove these either four abreast or in the usual four-in-hand style.

Her majesty encouraged her daughters to try every form of outdoor and indoor exercise, and arranged for them to receive lessons in boating, riding, swimming and billiards. They are all fond of cycling, especially the Princess Victoria, who has made several excursions with intimate friends. The duchess of Fife's favorite sport is salmon fishing; and a few women can throw a fly and play a cessa Charles of Denmark is a good tennis player and has lately taken up the fancy for croquet, a game in which the queen excels.

THE INVASION OF THIBET

IS TO ENFORCE TREATIES WITH BRITISH INDIA.

Expedition to Mystery Land Presents Great Difficulties.

During the past few months a number of vagrant reports, flatly contradictory in their nature, have reached the outside world as to prospective invasions of the mystery-land of Tibet. Three months or so since it was rumored that Russia had sent her soldiers to open the Tibetan oyster with the bayonet's point. Latterly it has been Great Britain which has been credited with the intention of moving troops to force an international acquaintance upon a land and people whose chief claim to the "civilized" world's dislike is a most aggravating exclusiveness, and reticence as to their own affairs. The most explicit information as to the connection comes in a week-old telegram from Kanchi, in the Boundary Presidency, British India, which puts the matter thus:

STARTS IN FEW DAYS.

"The expedition commanded by General Younghusband, which is being prepared to support the British mission in Tibet, starts in a few days. It has been ordered to occupy the Chumbi Valley, the key to Tibet, and to advance on Gyantse, an important center 150 miles from Lhasa. The object of the mission is to discuss with the Tibetan authorities the non-observance of treaties and consequent injury to the trade of India and Tibet. A peaceful settlement of the matter is improbable. The Lhasa government declares its determination to fight and has warned its people to prepare for war."

Of course Russia emphatically denies that she has any plans concerning Tibet—such as Russia which the diplomats at St. Petersburg all too interpret the motive of British action quite differently, as an attempt to stir up a movement in China under cover of which the powers will increase their spheres of selfishness; and Russia's press accordingly appeals to China not to permit that empire to be deprived of Russian intervention as on one other occasion. The Novoe Vremya in a recent article declared that if the British succeed in carrying out their plans, they will be in their hands, as they will also be in a position to threaten Asia and if they gain control of the holy land of Tibet, 500,000,000 Buddhists will regard Great Britain as being the most powerful country in the world.

FORMIDABLE OBSTACLES.

While it is said to be practically impossible for the Tibetans to prevent the British crossing the mountains, the campaign as blocked out would seem to have infinitely more formidable obstacles to expect than an assault upon the stronghold of an ancient faith—that Buddhism which even in this twentieth century holds the diversified castes of hoary Asia in common fealty.

Any hostile movement toward Lhasa could not but be resented by Buddhist Asia, over, as an unparalleled offence to the millions who turn their eyes toward that holy city, and Britain must be prepared in initiating such a programme to deal with treachery, rebellion and intrigue in every portion of her Indian dominions.

For the invasion of Tibet is not synonymous with the invasion of any other semi-barbaric state—it means the invasion of a holy land of countless centuries, the striking at the shrine of Buddhism.

Curiosity is commonly set down as the moving impulse toward a forcible investigation of the Tibetan terra incognita. Such curiosity may well possess itself in patience. It is curiosity to gratification. And in this regard one is surprised to find The Tacoma Ledger, usually among the best informed and most rational philosophical of the American journals, writing this careless counsel:

IGNORANT AND CRUEL.

"About the only fact fully substantiated is that the invasion of Tibet is ignorant and cruel. They desire to maintain their own territory inviolate, and this cannot be permitted. The world is growing so small that there is no part of it to be reserved for the perpetuation of barbarism. The heathen must get rid of his idols, or get out of the way of people who have the force of light. To permit Tibet to remain undisturbed and unchanged would be about the same as a farmer in carvings a home out of the prairie to set aside one corner for the growth of thistles and noxious weeds. There is isolated and forbidding Tibet, this isolated spot, and the truth never can be ascertained by a less force than an army with banners."

Against this estimate of Tibet and its people one has but the reports of the three or four travelers who have penetrated the forest of their mysteries. Mr. Savage, a Londoner, has reason to class its people as barbarous, but even he goes not so far in general conclusions. Mr. Zybikoff, the Russian traveler who spent a year in Tibet disguised as a Lama, also admits that his study of the country and its people was very superficial. The first authority on Tibet and the Tibetans remains that same Prince Galitzin, now governor-general of the Caucasus, whom the fanatical Mennonites quite recently endeavored to assassinate at Tiflis, Trans-Caucasia. He also held European travelers is known to have lived among the Tibetans for many years and learned of them as they are; and his report is vastly different.

FANTASTIC NARRATIVE.

The writer well remembers sitting

for hours beneath the marvellous spell of that great Russian's magnetic presence when, a decade or so ago, he re-emerged from Tibet into a world that for many years had quite forgotten him. His dramatic narrative of his adventures eclipsed the most fantastic pictures of a Rider Haggard. His empty sleeve and nail-scared palm grimly illustrated two tragic incidents of his stupendous story. But his testimony as to the Tibetan people none the less was uncomplimentary to European civilization and progress rather than to them. In music, in arts, in architectural genius, and in the neglected branches of true mental science, he rated them slightly above the ancients; he did not deprecate the marvelous system—but implicitly copied by the Church of Rome—by which the centralized power of Skoolak, the Buddhist pope, directs from the grand lamasery at Lhasa the entire complicated machinery of the Buddhist faith.

Prince Galitzin's story of Tibet and its people has not been written. He saw it to write it, it would deserve to bear the title of one of Kipling's fancies: "the greatest story in the world." But in all European dealings which concern Tibet, the nations should not forget that in the Governor of Trans-Caucasia, the hero of the most adventurous life that has been lived in the past century, Russia has counsel more thoroughly informed than any other man in Europe. And his conclusion was ten years ago—and what are ten years to the priesthood may well be lot alone.

HOW TO PREVENT A "COLD."

Quick Change of Temperature Dangerous.

How to prevent a "cold" is at this time a matter of no small importance. The question resolves itself into a matter of attention to little things in the beginning rather than more weighty ones at the end. The worst mortal is most apt to suffer from any epidemic influence. The overwrought individual is relatively in the same category. Thus it happens that the "cold" seizes the victim when he is tired, and a draught that would not affect him under other circumstances is quite sure to show its malignant influence within a few hours after the slightest exposure.

The shiver and chill are nature's first warnings of the trouble, they follow the irritation of the chest, the harassing cough, the sneezing nasal discharge and stuffy frontal headache. The careful man heeds these symptoms at once, takes to his room and uses his home remedies, but the daring and thoughtless one trusts to the vain chance of roughing it through. Then also in turn comes the old story of the neglected cold and long list of lung affections that follow in its wake.

Catarrhal pneumonia, a most fatal ailment, almost invariably commences with the simplest warnings. Although the disease is considered infectious and due to a specific microbe, the latter organism never attacks previously healthy tissue. The initiative cold places the mucous membrane of the air passages in a properly receptive condition for the effective invasion of the waiting organism.

Rapid changes of temperature, especially with increased humidity and raw winds, are always dangerous. To overcome them man conserves the heat of his body with woolen underclothes and suitable outside covering. He must needs be always on the defensive. The lack of precautions is what must eventually—shoulder the blame.

The best defence against cold is what might be called the toughening process of immunity against changes. The person who is accustomed to the cold plunges the year round is seldom surprised by a frosty snap or a sneaking draught. On the other hand, the one who overheats his house and bakes in the dry and suffocating atmosphere of most apartments is sure to suffer from the slightest exposure.

It is truthfully said that our houses are for the most part hot air ovens during the winter time. There is no doubt that this fact explains in a great measure the well-known prevalence of catarrhs. The English, for instance, with a more humid and equally changeable climate are wonderfully immune against colds, as we view it, and this is due in no small measure to their cooler and better ventilated homes, their outdoor habits in facing storms and in their ability to react by vigorous skin circulation against any degree of cold or wet.

Who knows how many colds might be prevented during the winter by following these few simple suggestions? Each man should be able to manufacture his own animal heat, and a reasonable amount of clothing and ordinary warmth within doors, should do the rest in the hardening of the tissues and in the giving him the best of all protections.

PREFERRED ARREST.

A thief broke into a large mansion early in the morning, and found himself in the music-room. Hearing foot steps approaching he hid behind a screen. From seven to eight o'clock the eldest daughter had a lesson on the piano. From eight to nine o'clock the second daughter took singing lesson. From nine to ten o'clock the eldest son had a violin lesson. From ten to eleven o'clock the other son took a lesson on the flute. At eleven all the brothers and sisters assembled and studied an ear-splitting piece for piano, violin, flute, and voice. The thief staggered out from behind the screen at half-past eleven and, falling at their feet, cried, "For mercy's sake have me arrested, but stop it!"

WHEN A CHILD IS BORN

SOME VERY ODD CUSTOMS AND BELIEFS.

How the Event is Heralded in Different Parts of the World.

Perhaps the oldest superstition connected with the coming of a child into the world is that the soul of the newborn one is carried to earth by a bird. In Egyptian hieroglyphics the bird signifies the soul of man, and to-day in Germany and Denmark the stork, whose name means "child-bringer," is supposed to preside over the advent of the infant. Strange beliefs attach to the time of birth and the effect certain hours are likely to have on the after-life of a person born at them. In Somersetshire a child born in the "chimes hour," meaning the interval between midnight and one o'clock in the morning, is endowed with the power of seeing ghosts and visions.

Children born on Good Friday or Christmas Day are also believed in Scotland to be gifted in the same eerie manner.

On the continent, and particularly in Denmark, it is believed that a child born on a Sunday is a ghost-seer. It is not a gift to be envied if there be any truth in the stories told of such persons. At Egers, for instance, legend has it that a girl was born on the Sabbath and grew up able to see spirits passing around her. The gift was a great terror to her, for she could never pass the churchyard without seeing a phantom hearse or a spectre coming towards her. A wise man whom she consulted told her that when she met a spectre she should say to it, "go to Heaven," if she saw a hearse she must cry out "hang on," and the visions would trouble her no more.

A FATAL LAPSE.

By a lapse of memory when she saw a visionary hearse she cried out "go to Heaven," and the vehicle straightway flew up and vanished in the clouds. Then she saw a spectre approaching, and cried out "hang on." The phantom at once threw a pair of ghostly arms about her neck and dragged her down into the earth, her moans and cries according to the superstition of villagers being heard for three days. Philip II of Spain was a Sunday child, and his downcast and gloomy demeanor was, according to Spanish belief, entirely due to the ghosts he could forever see around him.

In most European countries Saturday is considered a peculiarly lucky day to be born on. Such a child is said to be befriended by the fairies all its life. In England, however, the fate attaching to a Saturday child is generally believed to be that he shall work hard for his living.

For the most curious birth customs we must go to foreign countries. Amongst the Basques, the old race of the north-west provinces of Spain, the birth custom was very strange. When a child was born, the mother as soon as possible went about her household work. The father then went to bed with the baby, and stopped there two days, receiving during that time the visits and congratulations of his friends.

TROUBLES OF FATHERHOOD.

Fatherhood, on the other hand, amongst some people carries with it very unpleasant ceremonies. Amongst the Caribs, the race formerly occupying the West Indies, directly a child was born the father had to take to his hammock, and for five days stay there without food or drink. He was then allowed dry cassava bread and native beer for the space of forty days. At the end of that time the medicine-men visited him and sacrificed him all over with knives made of agouti teeth, afterwards rubbing red pepper into the wounds. During this process he was not supposed to show the slightest sign of pain; for if he did his child would grow up a coward. It is not surprising that old Du Tertre, who described the Caribs in 1667, did not find them filled with any great anxiety to become fathers of large families.

Dr. Taylor, the famous anthropologist, relates many similar instances of severe penalties attaching to fatherhood amongst other races. When a child is born to the Land Dyaks of Borneo, the father is shut in a place by himself for eight days. During this period he is fed on salt and rice, and receives very little water. This is supposed to prevent stomach troubles in the newborn baby. The father has also to abstain for some months from fish or birds, lest if he eat them his child should imitate their qualities. For instance, if he eats turtle during the probation period he believes that his child will have no brain and be a fool his whole life long.

BEAT THE POOR FATHER.

Amongst a tribe of Peruvian Indians when a baby arrived the father was soundly cuffed by the old women of the village, that being, as they put it, "the beating of the mother's trouble." Altogether fathers have a much better time in civilized countries, though it has recently been questioned by an American lady doctor whether they deserve it.

In Great Britain there are still to be found many little superstitions in regard to births and babies. A gentleman on a walking tour some two or three years ago in Hampshire, being very thirsty, knocked at a cottage door and asked for a drink of milk, or, failing in that, water. To his surprise, the woman who came to the door refused to let him have either fluid. She was very civil, but absolute in her refusal, though he offered to pay for his drink. Asked her reason, she said there was a newly-born baby in the house, and to supply any stranger with a drink before the christening had taken place would bring down misfortune on the child's head.

CHAIR FOR HONESTY.

The origin for this belief has not been traced. In some Hampshire villages it is believed that if within an hour after a baby is born the door of an elderly, gathered at midnight in a churchyard, is smeared upon its lips, the child will grow up honest and truthful. A Norfolk belief is that a woman may be cured by the touch from the hand of "Chrism-child." The latter is a baby baptized according to the Form of Private Baptism, wherein is this direction: "Then the minister shall put the white vesture, commonly called the chrismo, upon the child." The chrismo is a white cloth laid on the infant's head, and if the baby dies within the month it is usually shrouded in the vesture, and becomes a "Chrism-child." In the hills of mortality up to 1726 all infants dying thus were so designated. Another old village belief is that all children born the night before Shrove Tuesday grow up frolicsome and full of fun, and will never bring their parents sorrow. Even while not quite believing, most of us will say in regard to this, "may it be true."

BRITISH IN WESTERN TIBET.

Adventures and Achievements of Capt. Deasy's Party.

The last Indian mail brings interesting details of a British exploring expedition that left Leh in Ladakh in May last, to continue the survey of western Tibet that was carried as far as Lake Horpo Cho in 1896 by Capt. Deasy, a well-known explorer.

The party, which returned to Kashmir on Oct. 4 last, was composed of two British officers, Capt. Rawling and Lieut. Hargreaves, and Babu Ram Singh, with a number of attendants and escort. They passed out of Ladakh by the Lanak Pass, from where they struck out due east for Horpo Cho, a lake which lies about two hundred and fifty miles in a direct line from Leh.

Here the party separated, Capt. Rawling and Babu Ram Singh going forward, leaving Lieut. Hargreaves with the bulk of the baggage and twenty-five ponies, to wait for grain which was to be brought there on yaks. The men who were to have brought the grain deserted, and to add to their misfortunes a terrific blizzard that raged for eight days killed eighteen of their ponies. As soon as he was able, Lieut. Hargreaves set out to rejoin Capt. Rawling at a prearranged spot, which he succeeded in doing with great difficulty, owing to the loss of animals. Fortunately, a depot of grain that had been buried in 1898 by Capt. Deasy at a spot easily recognized by the indications given was found intact and in good condition.

After resting for a week the party started out into an entirely unexplored region, and began the work of triangulation. The survey was extended to longitude 85 degrees east, the highest latitude being 35 degrees 45 minutes north and the lowest 32 degrees 45 minutes; and much valuable data concerning the topography of the country, its minerals and other resources were obtained. Many new salt and fresh water lakes were discovered, the largest having an area of over seventy square miles.

The inhabitants met with, mostly nomads with their flocks, were friendly, but when on their return journey Capt. Rawling's party approached Thok Jalung, recently spoken of as a locality where considerable gold deposits are known to exist, they were met by a large party of armed Tibetans, who, in a perfectly friendly but firm manner, advised them to take another route. They were also prevented from taking the road through Rudok back into Kashmir, the officials saying that though they were glad to see Europeans in their country, the orders of the Lhasa Government were very strict as to their exclusion from certain districts.

Immense quantities of game of all kinds were met with, which furnished the party with all the meat they required during their wanderings of nearly five months. The information obtained is said to have been of much political and military value.

GRAINS OF GOLD.

Mirth cannot move a soul in as only—Shakespeare.

Candor is the rarest virtue of sociability.—Sternau.

No circumstances can repair a defect of character.—Eaton.

Cheerfulness is an offset of goodness and of wisdom.—Bovee.

Bad men excuse their faults, good men will leave them.—Johnson.

Charity and personal force are the only investments worth anything.—Walt Whitman.

There are plenty of acquaintances in the world, but very few real friends.—J. F. Davis.

It is generally more profitable to reckon up our defects than to boast of our attainments.—Carlyle.

A man cannot have an idea of perfection in another which he was never sensible of in himself.—Starbuck.

Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul, and the heart of man knoweth none more fragrant.—Howe Ballou.

TOMMY'S CONFESSION.

"Now, children," said the teacher, "let us see what you remember about the animal kingdom and the domestic animals that belong to it. You have named all the domestic animals but one. Who can tell me what one is? It has bristly hair, like a pig, and is fond of getting into mud." Miss Fanny looked expectantly around the room. "Can't you think, Tommy?" she asked, encouragingly. "Yes," was the shamefaced reply. "It's me."

REMARKABLE RECOVERIES

CROWNED 18 HOURS, BUT IS RESTORED.

A Swede's Experience Proves The Day of Miracles Is Not Yet Past.

Seemingly miraculous recoveries occur with the same frequency now as in bygone days, judging from the experience of a Swedish gardener who, while attempting to rescue a companion who had fallen into the water under the ice, had the misfortune to fall in himself and was drowned. A search was made for the body, but sixteen hours elapsed before it was found. When discovered, it was in an upright position, with the feet resting upon the ground. On being drawn up the body was wrapped closely in woolen cloths and speedily removed to a warm place, where it was rubbed and rolled about for some time. Spirits were then administered, and by these means the man was restored to life.

This remarkable instance was brought to the notice of the queen mother of Sweden, who afterwards took a great interest in the garden and gave him a yearly pension. The facts were afterwards fully corroborated by the famous Dr. Langlet.

HER VOICE RESTORED.
Elizabeth Sellers, a scholar in the Girls' Charity school at Sheffield, was, at the age of 13, suddenly deprived of the use of her voice to such an extent that she could only express herself by signs. Otherwise she enjoyed perfect health, and continued to perform such parts of the school exercises as her infirmity did not interfere with. All attempts to effect a cure failed.

One evening, on hearing some of her school fellows singing a hymn, she was seized with an intense desire to join them in their devotions. She whispered to one of her companions to request that she should shout violently down her throat. Her wish was immediately complied with, and to the great joy of the little sufferer, her voice was at once restored to its fullest pitch. From the account she afterwards gave of the sensation she experienced during her illness it appeared that her throat had been closed by a lump or gathering, and it was conjectured that this had been broken by the force of the shout.

A similar case is recorded of a sailor, who had lost his voice from some illness, suddenly recovering it in a theatre. Having gone to this place of entertainment he was highly amused by the drollness of the clown. In his excitement he made an effort to give vent to his feelings, and, to his surprise and joy, found his voice restored.

VIGOR RESTORED BY WATER.
John Ferguson, residing in Kilmord, England, overheard himself while in pursuit of cattle on the hills. While in this condition he drank excessively of cold water from a stream near. Almost immediately he fell fast asleep on the grass, and did not wake for twenty-four hours. He was then in a high fever, and from that time was unable to retain any nourishment.

The proprietor of the estate on which the man's father was a tenant had Ferguson removed to his own house, and shut him up in a room for twenty days, during which time he was supplied with nothing except water, and precautions were taken to prevent any one supplying the patient with food, yet at the end of that time the man was restored to perfect health, and had lost none of his former vigor.

A case is recorded by Dr. Pinel of a man who was so greatly affected by some losses in trade that he was instantly deprived of all his mental faculties. In this condition he remained for five years. During that period he took no notice of anything, never expressed a desire for food and only partook of it when it was actually placed in his mouth. An attendant dressed him and then led him to his sitting room. After such a lengthened period of idiocy he completely recovered, and that as suddenly as he had been afflicted.

THE SENSIBLE MOTHER.

When little ones are ill the sensible mother no longer doses them with nauseous griping purgatives, nor puts them to sleep with the so-called "soothing" preparations which always contain harmful opiates. Baby's Own Tablets have been used by thousands of mothers, and they fully testify that they are gentle in their action, absolutely safe, and make little ones sleep soundly and naturally, because they remove the trouble that made baby irritable and wakeful. On this point Mrs. T. Watson, Sarsfield, Ont., says: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets and find them a very valuable medicine for young children. When baby is cross or fretful I give her a Tablet, and it soon puts her right."

These Tablets cure all the minor ailments of the little ones. They are good for all children from birth onward. Sold by medicine dealers or sent by mail at 25 cents a box, by writing The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

A STICKLER FOR RANK.

It is not in this country alone that the notion of equality prevails. The London Figaro reports the following instance:

As a magnificent steamer, the property of the Peninsular & Oriental Company, was steaming into Southampton harbor, a grimy coal-lighter floated immediately in front of it. An officer on board the steamer, seeing this, shouted:

"Clear out of the way with that barge!"

The lighterman, a native of the Emerald Isle, shouted in reply, "Are you the captain of that vessel?"

"No," answered the officer.

"Then speak to yer equals," said the lighterman. "I'm the captain of this."

SHE IS A MERRY CHILD AGAIN.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS CURED LITTLE EDITH HARRIS' DROPSY.

Hers was a Terrible Case—It Proves that the Great Kidney Remedy is good for Old and Young alike and Cures all Forms of Kidney Disease.

Wayburn, Assn., N.W.T., Dec. 21.—(Special).—No more remarkable cure of Dropsy has ever been put on record than that of little Edith Harris, the two-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harris of this place.

The little girl had dropsy in its worst form. She was swollen from her feet to her shoulders so badly that the doctor was afraid of him. Her feet would burst. Her natural waist measure was thirty inches, but when the disease was at its worst, she measured thirty-four inches. Two doctors attended her, but after three months struggle with the disease the child was gradually growing worse and the parents had about given up all hope of saving the life of their child.

At the same time they determined to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. Imagine their surprise and delight when under this treatment the child began to rapidly improve. By the time she had taken three boxes, half a pill at a dose, the swelling was gone and the helpless little invalid was transformed into a merry laughing healthy child again.

Dodd's Kidney Pills cure old and young alike. They cure Kidney Disease without regard to where or in what form it is found.

MAKING MEN'S GARMENTS

BRITISH CITIES WHICH DRESS THE WORLD.

Manchester, England, and Galashiels, Scotland, Are the Leaders.

Even Parisian dandies come to London tailors for their clothes, and it is generally acknowledged that as Paris leads in fashions for the fair sex so London takes first place in modes of men, says Pearson's Weekly. Not only is the United Kingdom the world's cutter, but it also makes all the best materials for men's garments, and nearly all of these stoffs are manufactured in the North of England or the South of Scotland.

Once Norwich held the proud position of being the greatest of our cloth making towns, but it has long since turned its attention to other manufactures, and to-day Manchester turns out more yards of material than any other city on earth. So long ago as 1724 Manchester was described as "the largest, most populous village in England, with its looms stolen from the Dutch and producing fustian tapes and ticking."

At that date the mills, of which there were sixty, were worked by the water power of the Ribble. Now all is changed. Manchester is the great cotton centre and works by steam. The Ribble has degenerated into little better than an open sewer.

Men as opposed to women would far badly if Manchester were the only cloth maker, for it manufactures comparatively little material for the use of tailors. It is

GALASHIELS, SCOTLAND, which holds the record for tweed. This town began the manufacture in 1581 and now has twenty-three factories and over 100,000 spindles at work. Hawick is another place famous for its tweeds. Shepherd's plaid, too, and heavy cloth for making warm ulsters come from Hawick.

You could hardly name any kind of cloth destined for making suits for men that Huddersfield does not produce in abundance. It is the chief seat of what is known as the "fancy trades," but it also makes plain woven goods of every description for wear by both men and women.

For worsted yarn Bradford holds the record, and also for what are called the long wools. The probabilities are that the material of your frock coat and very possibly your evening dress suit were woven in one of the three hundred mills of Bradford. Bradford is the only city in England which possesses a "conditioning house." This was erected by the Corporation of the town in 1887 for the express purpose of weighing and measuring the goods produced in the mills. An honest boast of Bradford is its silks and velvets.

MANNINGHAM MILL, built for their production, is the biggest of its kind and cost half a million sterling to build. Bradford owes a great deal to that wonderful man, Sir Isaac Holden, who established a factory in the town in 1846, and with his "screw motion" machine absolutely revolutionized industry.

Leeds is the home of the "reach me down." No other city in the world can compare with Leeds in the production of ready-made garments of every description. From the corduroys to the navy to the latest fashions in holiday flannel suits or cycling Norfolk jackets and knickerbockers, Leeds factories can supply any demand. Fully thirty thousand hands are employed in the works, and many as fifty thousand suits of ready-made clothes are often sent out from Leeds within a single week.

"I clothe the Army," is Batley's boast. This town, which has grown in a few years from thirty to thirty thousand people, has fifty mills and factories. They make Army cloth and a number of varieties of heavy close-grained fabrics. Batley is also the headquarters of those cheap but

useful materials of which shoddy forms a part. Shoddy, by-the-by, has got a far worse name than it deserves, for the workman's Sunday suit would cost nearly double what it actually does if the secret of work-shoddy had never been discovered.

The biggest factory of its kind is to be seen at Saltaire, the model town founded by Sir Titus Salt. Saltaire, which is only five miles from Bradford, is the centre of

THE ALPACA INDUSTRY.
Its giant factory covers twelve acres and is six stories high.

An enormous centre of cloth manufacture of every description in Oldham, which owes as much to the Platts as Bradford does to Sir Isaac Holden. Beginning with cotton weaving, the firm of Platt took later on to woolen and worsted manufacture and established works fifty-five acres in extent, exclusive of their own private collieries, and employing about 8,000 hands. These works are entirely self-supporting. They dig their own coal, smelt their own iron, make all their machines, and even burn their own firebricks to build their furnaces. At present the firm are chiefly engaged in the production of up-to-date machinery for dealing with all kinds of weaving work.

It is to the other side of the Irish Channel one must look for the biggest linen factory. This belongs to Belfast and is worked by the York Street Flax Spinning Co.

But all these various materials would be of little use were there no thread to sew them together. It is Paisley, once famous for its shawls, that is the centre of the thread trade. In 1712 this town first began to spin linen thread, but linen has now given way to cotton. The two great thread factories of Paisley employ ten thousand hands and produce about one-third of all the thread which is used in the whole civilized world.

BOILING LAKE.

In Dominica a Curiosity That is Little Known.

Mr. Sterns-Fadelle, of Dominica, has just published a little book giving some interesting information recently obtained about a curious natural phenomenon in Dominica, one of the Lesser Antilles.

This island is only 291 square miles in area. It was colonized by the Spaniards in the seventeenth century and peopled later by French emigrants, who controlled the island uninterruptedly until the eighteenth century, and its resources have since been exploited by English and French; and yet its natural curiosity in the northern part of the island had never been seen or heard of until twenty-eight years ago.

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at some of the locked up fertility in the bottom layers. Simply to bring up the lower soil and then to turn it down again the following season is not needed so much as to thoroughly twist and fibe the soil, exposing it to air and sun. For potatoes and root crops deep plowing is desirable, also to loosen the soil for root and tuber growth.

A diplomat is a man who pretends that the other fellow's way is his when he can't have his own.

It's the toughest kind of tough luck to have your watch stolen when you are on your way to pawn it.

What children need is more models and fewer critics.

Only the man who understands women admits that he doesn't.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County.
FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A.D. 1890.

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"What's the matter?" she asked.

"Nothing," replied the departing caller severely, "except that your dog has bitten me!" "Oh," she exclaimed, "poor Fido!"

CANADA MAKES THE BEST.

A BRITISHER'S TRIBUTE.

Sir Thomas Brassey, M.P., and his eldest son, the Hon. T. A. Brassey, are well known throughout the British Empire. The former owns a large estate in England, was Governor of Victoria, Australia, from 1895 to 1900, and was President of the British Boards of Trade and Congress, which met last summer in Montreal. He also owns large tracts of farm lands in our own Northwest. Both father and son are enthusiastic admirers of Canada, and are well able to speak authoritatively and intelligently as to Canadian products.

The Hon. T. A. Brassey, who lately spent some months in Canada, has paid a just tribute to Massey-Harris Implements as per the following cablegram:

"London, Nov. 28th.—Hon. T. A. Brassey, speaking at Rye yesterday, said farmers need not be anxious to raise the cost of machinery. The best agricultural machinery in the world is made by the Massey-Harris Company of Toronto, and by other companies in Ontario, and there would be no duty upon it."

Wife—"You haven't used any of those cigars I bought for you." Husband—"I am keeping them for Tommy when he wants to learn to smoke."

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

Counsel—"You say you had called to see Miss Swete at the time the burglary was committed?"

"Yes," "Then how did it happen that when the prisoner was taken to the room he assaulted you, you leapt through the window, making no effort to defend the lady or give the alarm?" "I thought it was her father."

Under the Nervous Lash.—The torture and torment of the victim of nervous prostration and nervous debility no one can rightly estimate who has not been under the ruthless lash of these relentless human foes, M. Williams, of Fordwich, Ont., was for four years a nervous wreck. Six bottles of South American Nervine worked a miracle, and his doctor confirmed it.—25

ONE WAS THE CHAPERON.

A lady tells an amusing story of her cook, a buxom young woman from the Emerald Isle, with whom she had her share of the Celt's humor and readiness of retort.

The cook, like most of her kind, had designs on the policeman on the beat, and frequently enticed him into her kitchen with tempting dainties.

"One state of affairs went on unheeded by the mistress for some time, but one night a circumstance arose which prompted her to remonstrate with Bridget.

In passing along the lobby, the mistress happened to look into the kitchen when she saw not one, but two gentlemen in buttons. This she felt was too much. Next morning she interviewed Bridget.

"Cook," she said, "I saw two policemen sitting in the kitchen last night."

"Well, mum," replied Bridget, with an unabashed smile overspreading her features, "yez wouldn't have an unmarried lady be sittin' with only wan policeman, would yez, now?" Shure, mum, the other wan was the chaperon!"

We wish the many thousands who enjoy Blue Ribbon Tea a happy Xmas. and a prosperous New Year.

Blue Ribbon Tea Co.

A LONG-LETT WANT.
Casey—"O! see there's bin another railroad wreck due to an open switch."

Cassidy—"Ay, 'tis a pity some wan don't invent a switch that'll stay shut whin its open."

Mistress (to new servant who has overslept herself)—"What about breakfast, Bridget?" Bridget—"Ye hadn't trouble yerself, mum; I ain't feelin' very 'ungry jist yit."

Money makes the mare go and the automobile makes the money go.

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WM. DANIELS.

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GEO. TINGLEY.

Albert Co., N. B.

They were gazing at the gorgeous stock in the jeweller's shop window.

"Where's your pick?" asked Pat. "Not me pick, but me shovel," replied Mike.

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MR. WISLOW'S SMOOTHING STAFF has been used by millions of mothers for their children while testing the child, softening the skin, always pain, once used, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is the best remedy for Diarrhea. Twenty-five cents a bottle, all druggists throughout the world. Be sure and ask for Mrs. WISLOW'S SMOOTHING STAFF. 25c.

NEGOTIATING A LOAN.

A story is told of a shopkeeper who declined to be worked into the development of certain family fortunes.

He was a dry-goods merchant in a small town in Buckinghamshire. As he was standing one day at the door of his shop a small girl came up and said:

"Please, sir, I'm Maggie Quayle, and mother says will you give her change for half a crown? She will send the half-crown on Monday."

"Can't do it," replied the shopkeeper.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder, dusted in the bath, softens the water and disinfects.

"Katie got the first prize at the cooking competition." "How proud she must be! What was the prize?" "A very useful book—'First Aid to the Injured.'"

Minard's Liniment Cures Gargel in Cows.

"Would you oblige me," said the reporter who gets novel interviews, "by telling me what book has helped you most in life?" And after a thoughtful pause the great man answered, "My bank-book."

A SOUTH AFRICAN TRIBUTE.

At a practical test of self binders held at Moorreesburg, Cape Colony, South Africa, on Nov. 5th last, under the auspices of the Western Province Agricultural Society, the Massey-Harris Binder was awarded the First Prize of £10. There were seven competitors; three Massey-Harris, three McCormick, and one Champion. The judges in determining their awards, amongst other points, also took into consideration the length and compactness with which the sheaves were bound.

About six hundred agriculturists, some of whom came from a considerable distance, witnessed the interesting competition, which was a complete victory for the Massey-Harris Binder.

"Why don't you marry that girl? She is a real pearl." "Ah, yes; but I don't like mother-of-pearl."

Her Heart like a Polluted Spring.—Mrs. James Strigley, Pelee Island, Ont., says: "I was for five years afflicted with dyspepsia, constipation, heart disease and nervous prostration. I cured myself with Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, and the other ailments vanished like mist. Had relief in half an hour after the first dose."—27

Binks—"Reg pardon, sir; but I think you have my umbrella there." Stranger—"Your umbrella, sir? Of course it may be. You know how umbrellas change hands. Permit me to restore it." Binks (to himself, walking away)—"Those happy thoughts of mine are simply inspirations. My umbrella—ha! ha! ha!"

Don't Become An Object Of Aversion and Pity. Cure Your Cold and Catarrh, Purify Your Breath and Stop the Offensive Discharge.

Rev. Dr. Bachor, of Buffalo, says: "My wife and I were both troubled with distressing colds from this aggravating cold, Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. Its action was instantaneous, giving me the grateful relief within ten minutes after first application."

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Issue No. 52—03

THURSDAY, DEC. 24, 1903.

Rawdon Council.

Rawdon Town Hall, Dec. 15, 1903.
Council met pursuant to adjournment.
Members all present. Minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. W. J. Hagerman spoke relative to his statute labor, one day of which had been returned undone. The clerk was instructed to confer with Mr. Doak, Roadmaster, in regard to this, before the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. Armstrong stated that he could not afford to keep Mrs. Orser during the winter months at the price heretofore given. Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Matthews, that Mr. Armstrong be paid two dollars per week for Mrs. Orser's support until May 1st, A. D. 1904. Carried.

Mr. Armstrong was re-engaged as caretaker for the coming year at \$15 salary, and use of corporation grounds.

Moved by J. R. Cooke, seconded by Jas. Whitton and resolved, that the clerk be authorized to advise the County Council of the amount spent on the 8th concession job, and ask that \$150, be returned to this Township.

The following accounts were ordered paid:—

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| Robert Rodgers, gravel | \$ 1.45 |
| John H. Reid, gravel | 4.00 |
| Samuel Patterson, gravel | 3.00 |
| Walter Martin, gravel | 7.00 |
| Wm. McKeeown, cedar, rep. culvert | 5.15 |
| S. Radcliff, gravel | 6.00 |
| W. Haslow, stringers and gravel | 6.40 |
| Jas. Woodward, 8th line job | 7.32 |
| Albert Bird, 8th line job | 5.30 |
| J. T. Belshaw, drawing cedar | 2.00 |
| Frank Ryan, gravel | 1.75 |
| W. J. Jeffrey, bal. on town line job | 2.50 |
| Wm. Frost, rent for Mrs. Gordenier | 12.00 |
| Robt. Rollins, building culvert | 3.50 |
| Albert Tompkins, wood and labor | 9.90 |
| Robt. Irwin, gravel | 2.70 |
| J. W. Meiklejohn, job on town line | 23.00 |
| Jeremiah Wilson, digging drain | 7.35 |
| Nathan Mason, hall for Refer. vote | 4.00 |
| Wm. Gay, work on 8th con. job | 2.80 |
| Peter Vankleek, " " | 13.00 |
| John Quackenbush, " " | 10.50 |
| Cecil Austin, " " | 10.50 |
| John Tanner, grading | 3.00 |
| Wm. Joyce, gravel | 2.75 |
| Wm. Meiklejohn, gravel | 2.50 |

THOS. C. MCCONNELL, Clerk.

The King has approved of his birthday being celebrated in Canada on the 24th of May as a general holiday.

It is reported that the King and Queen will soon visit Ireland and attend the Punctured races.

Saloonkeepers, bar-tenders and professional gamblers have been barred from membership in the Independent Order of Oddfellows in Ohio.

The Federal Government is likely to soon make an offer to Newfoundland to resume negotiations for the entrance of the Island Colony into the Canadian Confederation.

There is a great rush of Chinese into British Columbia in order to secure entrance before the new poll tax of \$500 goes into effect on January 1st. The present tax is only \$100.

Great Britain is greatly exercised over the German Emperor's assertion that the Battle of Waterloo was won by the Prussian Legion. John Bull's national pride has been wounded in a very sore spot.

Great Britain and France have intervened in the negotiations between Japan and Russia, and it is hoped that their mediation may avert war, which, otherwise, seems inevitable.

It is stated at Ottawa that Mr. H. R. Emmerson will shortly be taken into the Cabinet as Minister of Railways and Canals, and that Hon. A. G. Blair will be appointed chairman of the Railway Commission.

Col. A. D. Davidson, president of the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company, states in an interview that his company settled 10,000 American families in the Northwest this year, and expects to do better in the coming year.

The Belleville Rolling Mills are about ready for operation. The improvements made have cost many thousands of dollars, and the superintendent, Mr. F. J. Wills, says the company have the finest mills in Canada. He says the state of the iron and steel trade is such at present that it would be useless to commence work, as they would be only manufacturing at a loss, but improved conditions are looked for after the holidays.

MOTHER OF FOUR CHILDREN.

The trustees, secretary, and other officers of the Free Hospital for Consumptives at Muskoka are daily in receipt of many piteous letters.

A few days since Mr. W. J. Gage, of Toronto, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Sanitarium Association, received a letter from a resident of Quebec, pleading for the admission of a victim of the dread white plague, living about a hundred miles south-east of Montreal, and asking if it were not possible to admit her into the Free Hospital. The writer says: "The applicant is a Mrs. Wm. Paterson, the mother of four children and the wife of a farmer in a place called Goshen, in the township of Windsor. The doctor says that her left lung only is troubled. She is able to go about, but her appetite is very bad. I believe if she could be admitted into the Free Hospital, and the consumptives she might be cured. She could not pay much, if anything. Kindly let me know if you could receive her."

We are told by Mr. Gage that applications for admission to the Free Hospital reach the secretary from all points in the Dominion, and patients have been received from Prince Edward Island on the east to Alberta on the west. Two hundred and twenty-five patients have been admitted in eighteen months, and not a single patient has been refused because of his or her poverty.

We can hardly think of any charity that appeals more pathetically for the support of the Canadian people.

Subscriptions may be sent to Sir Wm. R. Meredith, Kt., Vice-President of the National Sanitarium Association, or to Mr. W. J. Gage.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE—
Township of Rawdon, 1903.

Receipts and Expenditures from Dec. 15th, 1902 to Jan. 1st, 1903; and from Jan. 1st to Dec. 15th, 1903. Also statement of Assets and Liabilities.

RECEIPTS

FROM DEC. 15, 1902 TO JAN. 1, 1903.

J. T. Cook, taxes from roll 1902. \$5700 00

EXPENDITURE

FROM DEC. 15, 1902 TO JAN. 1, 1903.

| | |
|---|---------|
| Financial Statement | \$ 6.00 |
| S. S. No. 19 | 423.68 |
| " No. 1 | 379.73 |
| " No. 6 | 486.21 |
| " No. 14 | 408.13 |
| " No. 17 | 218.83 |
| " No. 4 | 545.49 |
| " No. 5 | 825.88 |
| " No. 7 | 385.65 |
| S. S. No. 17, Debiture No. 2 | 220.00 |
| Union School, Rawdon and Stirling | 316.02 |
| Union 1 and 8 Huntingdon | 49.15 |
| " Marmora No. 7 | 91.75 |
| No. 1 School House, polling booth, May 29th, 1902 | 4.00 |
| Marin Phillips, polling booth, May 29th, 1902 | 4.00 |

\$4125 98

RECEIPTS

FROM JAN. 1st TO DEC. 15th, 1903.

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|---|-----------|
| Balance in Treasury, Jan. 1, '03 | \$1858 40 |
| From J. T. Cook, Roll 1902 | 4407 18 |
| " " Interest on Taxes | 16 36 |
| Jesse Neal, wood on road allowance | 4.00 |
| Miles Mason, taxes, roll 1895 | 15.00 |
| G. W. Faulkner, fines re license act | 16.67 |
| From Plane estate, fenceviewers' fees | 1.88 |
| G. W. Faulkner, fines | 5.95 |
| Thos. Wills, Legislative grant to schools | 358.00 |
| Thos. Wills County grant on roads | 837.50 |
| John Bailey, taxes, Roll 1903 | 2896.11 |

\$9417 00

EXPENDITURE

FROM JAN. 1st TO DEC. 15th, 1903.

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| Thos. Wills, county rates, 1902 | \$4625 00 |
| " " Interest on county rates | 13 06 |

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SCHOOLS.

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| Legislative grant to schools | \$ 358.00 |
| S. S. No. 20 | 799.50 |
| " No. 14 | 381.45 |
| " No. 1 | 347.61 |
| " No. 7 | 425.64 |
| " No. 22 | 88.79 |
| " No. 13 | 327.69 |

\$2678 68

DEBENTURES.

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|----------------------------------|----------|
| S. S. No. 7 under By-Law No. 170 | \$129.50 |
| " No. 5 " " No. 155 | 154.31 |
| " No. 4 " " No. 229 | 126.37 |

\$410 18

CHARITY.

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| Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto | \$ 5.00 |
| Salvation Army Home, (re Eliza McWilliams) | 10.00 |
| Mrs. Gordenier, wood \$3.50, rent \$12.00 | 15.50 |
| Thomas Johnston, support and medicine | 52.50 |
| Mrs. Orser, sup. and medicine | 86.50 |

\$169 50

COMMUTATION STATUTE LABOR.

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| Byron Heath, C.P.R. statute labor | \$ 6.00 |
| Lewis Gordenier, Sills and Rathbun Co. | 7.00 |

\$13 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

| | |
|---|---------|
| L. Meiklejohn's account, 1902 | \$ 8.93 |
| T. C. McConnell, stationery and printing | 5.00 |
| Municipal World, 6 copies | 5.00 |
| Jas. Currie, for printing | 60.00 |
| Municipal World, auditor's book | 3.00 |
| Donald Bell, error in taxes, 1902 (rebate) | 5.60 |
| Alex. Farrey, use school house Dec. 4th, for polling booth | 4.00 |
| D. W. Seales, use of school house Dec. 4th, for polling booth | 4.00 |
| Valentine Green, rebate on statute labor | 50 |
| Municipal World, Public Health Manual | 3.00 |
| T. C. McConnell, post cards and telephoning | 5.25 |
| Assessors, attending Court of Revision | 4.00 |
| D. R. Sargent, acct. re smallpox, 16 cents | 16.25 |
| Municipal Wld. legal advice | 1.00 |
| T. C. McConnell, registering voters' list and freight | 3.00 |
| John Bateman, rebate stat. labor | 1.00 |
| T. C. McConnell, expenses re collector's bonds | 4.50 |
| Selection of Juries | 6.00 |
| Wm. Haslett, shingling and repairing Town Hall | 16.00 |
| Hiram Redick, error assess. 1902 | 3.50 |
| N. Mason, L.O.F. Hall, Referendum vote | 4.00 |
| B. J. Stiles, No. 1 School House, Referendum vote | 4.00 |
| G. L. Burkitt, right of way for road | 45.00 |
| Assessors attending Judge's Voters' List Court | 3.00 |

\$210 53

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

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|---|---------|
| Wm. Johnston, job, Lots 4 and 5 | \$16 50 |
| Con. 8 | |
| Youker Leidster, job on Huntingdon Town Line | 10.00 |
| John Farrell, building culvert | 2.00 |
| John Farrell, side road, con. 4 | 15.00 |
| John Bateman, right of way around sink hole, clearing out | 41.00 |
| A. Eggleton, building culvert, Lot 9, Con. 1 | 5.00 |
| John Bateman, job 12th Con. lots 3 and 4 | 63.80 |
| J. S. Williams, job on Seymour Town Line, Con. 3 and 4 | 4.87 |
| Jas. Ed. Haw, job Lot 6, Con. 5 | 25.00 |
| Albert Bronson, job Lot 8, Con. 10 | 20.00 |
| Joseph Munby, job Lots 6 and 7, Con. 14 | 15.00 |
| Walter Dracup, job Lot 21, Con. 7 | 7.00 |
| Robert Thain, job Lot 24, Con. 8 | 10.00 |
| David Fox, bridge lot 5, Con. 5 | 10.00 |
| Wm. Pollick, covering and timber | 2.00 |
| Caleb Bateman, job | 5.00 |
| A. Eggleton, bridge | 2.00 |
| Alex. Reid, job on Huntingdon Town Line | 10.00 |

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| Hub. Sine, job lot 9, con. 8 | 12.00 |
| Chas. Reynolds, job on Huntingdon Town Line, con. 14 | 15.65 |
| Youker Leidster, job on 10th Con. and Huntingdon Town Line | 21.25 |
| John Bateman, job, con. 11, lot 4 | 10.00 |
| Ed. Bateman, job, con. 10, lot 4 | 6.00 |
| John Bateman, job, side road, lots 3 and 4, con. 9 | 22.00 |
| Youker Leidster, job con. 12, lot 1 | 10.00 |
| A. Fitchett, building culvert, lots 15 and 19, con. 10 | 5.00 |
| John Tanner, job grading lot 6, con. 8 | 3.00 |
| Jer. Wilson, digging drain at Springbrook | 7.95 |
| J. W. Meiklejohn, job Seymour | 28.00 |
| Thos. Coleman, cedar for culverts | 2.00 |
| J. T. Belshaw, drawing cedar | 2.00 |
| W. J. Jeffrey, balance on Huntingdon Town Line job | 2.50 |
| Robert Rollins, building culvert lot 9, con. 5 | 3.50 |
| Job under County men, 8th con. | 184.87 |

\$985.89

MATERIAL FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES.

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| John Farrell, gravel | \$ 5.00 |
| Jas. Sutherland, cedar for culvert | 1.00 |
| Wm. Hagerman, gravel | 3.75 |
| Jonathan Barlow, gravel | 4.45 |
| Thos. Coleman, cedar for culverts | 13.00 |
| J. F. Meiklejohn, gravel | 5.90 |
| T. J. Thompson, 10,000 ft. cedar | 150.00 |
| Wm. Joyce, gravel | 7.35 |
| John Farrell, gravel | 15.10 |
| Wm. Waller, gravel | 3.40 |
| Urbane Heath, gravel | 1.30 |
| W. T. Sine, stringers for bridge | 4.00 |
| Samuel Spry, gravel | 25 |
| Thos. Spry, gravel | 1.25 |
| Wm. Rodgers, gravel | 2.00 |
| Jas. Dunford, gravel | 3.30 |
| J. W. Hagerman, culvert tile | 4.50 |
| Warren Preston, cedar for culverts | 1.50 |
| Peter Meiklejohn, gravel | 10.55 |
| John Sides, gravel | 3.80 |
| F. B. Parker, culvert tile | 3.00 |
| Bert Wagar | 7.35 |
| A. Eggleton, culvert tile | 1.00 |
| Mcisher, gravel and rep. bridge | 11.00 |
| J. H. Reid, gravel | 13.10 |
| Bert Nix, gravel | 4.60 |
| Wm. Hagerman, gravel | 12.50 |
| Wm. Joyce, gravel | 2.75 |
| Wm. Meiklejohn, gravel | 2.50 |
| Robert Irwin, gravel | 2.70 |
| Frank Ryan, gravel | 1.75 |
| W. Haslow, stringers and gravel | 6.40 |
| J. H. Reid, gravel | 4.60 |
| Robert Rodgers, jr., gravel | 1.45 |
| Robert Martin, gravel | 7.00 |
| Wm. McKeeown, cedar and gravel | 5.15 |
| S. Radcliff, gravel | 6.60 |
| S. Patterson, gravel | 3.00 |

\$341 85

OFFICERS' SALARIES.

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|--------------------------------|----------|
| Meiklejohn and Scott, Auditors | \$ 20.00 |
| J. T. Cook, Collector | 80.00 |
| Hastie and Langran, Assessors | 80.00 |
| Jas. Johnston, Surveyor | 35.00 |
| Simon Armstrong, Caretaker | 13.50 |
| Wm. Rodgers, Reeve | 45.00 |
| Paul Kitchin, Councillor | 30.00 |
| Thos. Matthews | 30.00 |
| Jas. Whitton | 30.00 |
| Robert Cooke | 30.00 |
| Geo. Smart, Treasurer | 80.00 |
| T. C. McConnell, Clerk | 200.00 |

\$673 50

ASSETS.

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|--|-----------|
| Cash in Bank and Collect's hands | \$1100 00 |
| Bal. to be collected on Roll of 1903 | 6384 11 |
| Balance on Roll for 1895 | 153 33 |
| In County Treas. books, (arrears of taxes) | 136 44 |
| Due from County on 8th Con. job | 156.00 |

\$11129 88

LIABILITIES.

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Due Treasurer | \$ 404.19 |
| Jas. Currie, printing, 1903 | 60.00 |
| Amount Due Schools | 4513.72 |
| Debentures levied for, not due until January, A.D. 1904 | 493.71 |
| County Rates | 4625.00 |

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Assets over Liabilities. \$ 1028 86

GEO. A. SNARR, Treasurer.

WM. RODGERS, Reeve.

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Your Life's in Danger
night and day. Have you made any
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The value of a

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The William Weld Co., Limited,
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News-Argus to Jan. 1, '05, \$1.

ADVERTISING NOTICES.
In the local column will be charged as follows:
To Regular Advertisers.—Three lines and un-
der, 25 cents each insertion; over three lines,
75c. per line. Matter set in larger than the or-
dinary type, 10c. per line.
To Transient Advertisers.—10c. per line each
insertion. No insertion less than 25c.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.
Trains call at Stirling station as follows:—
GOING WEST. GOING EAST.
Mail & Ex. 6.27 a.m. Accom. 10.35 a.m.
Accom. 6.43 p.m. Mail & Ex. 8.43 p.m.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1903.

LOCAL MATTERS.

We wish all our readers "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

The Presbyterian Sabbath School en-
tertainment will be held in the Music
Hall on New Year's night.

Genuine Snag-proof Rubbers for Men
and Boys at J. W. Brown's.

Keep in mind the entertainment to be
given by the Methodist Sunday School
on Christmas night. Admission 25c.
and 15c.

New EMPRESS Shoes for Women, at
J. W. Brown's.

The ice harvest has already com-
menced, the cold weather of the past
two weeks having formed ice of great
thickness.

Go to Brown's for your Winter Footwear.

Service will be held in St. John's
Church on Christmas Day at 11 a.m.
The church will be decorated, and the
music appropriate for the day.

Don't forget the Presbyterian Sab-
bath School entertainment on New
Year's night in the Music Hall.

A big cut in prices in Men's Patent
Leather Bats at Brown's.

The Chinese Lantern Drill, given at
the High School entertainment will be
reproduced on New Year's night at the
Presbyterian Sabbath School concert in
the Music Hall.

Girls' Unlined Rubbers, 15c. pair at
Brown's.

The Presbyterian Sabbath School
will maintain their past reputation
with a full programme of choruses,
dialogues, drills, glees, solos, quartettes,
etc., on New Year's night in the Music
Hall.

BOARDS WANTED.—Mrs. G. L.
Scott, Stirling.

A grand concert will be given in the
Music Hall, Stirling, on Friday even-
ing, Jan. 8th, by Miss Marietta LaDell,
B. E., Canada's greatest elocutionist,
and Miss Lillian B. Stickle, soloist of
St. Paul's Church, Hamilton. Further
announcement next week.

The entertainment given by the pupils
of the High School in the Music Hall
last Friday evening was very well at-
tended, though not by so large an au-
dience as last year. The programme
was a good one and well rendered, and
the pupils and teachers deserve credit
for their efforts to please.

FOUND—On Church street, near the
Baptist Church, on Friday last, a whip
and halter. The owner can have the
same by calling at this office.

The new Presbyterian Church at
Foxboro was dedicated on Sunday last.
It is a handsome brick edifice, and cost
\$4,500. The opening services were con-
ducted by the Rev. W. S. McTavish, of
Deseronto, Moderator of the Kingston
Presbytery, and the congregations at
both morning and evening services
were very large.

FOUND—On Front St., recently, a pair
of Lady's Imitation Lamb Gaiters. The
owner can have same by calling at this
office and paying for this advertisement.

The municipal nominations will take
place on Monday next. In this village
the nomination meeting will be held in
the Town Hall at 7.30 o'clock in the
evening. As yet we have heard nothing
as to prospective candidates. Nomi-
nations to fill vacancies in the School
Board will also be held at the same
time and place. The retiring trustees
are Messrs. Jas. Boldrick, John Shaw,
and O. Vandervoort, all of whom are
eligible for reelection.

Spence-Moon.
At St. Andrew's manse, Stirling, on
Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 22nd, a quiet
wedding took place, the parties being
Mr. William Spence of Moira, and Miss
Elizabeth Moon, also of Moira. The
bride, who was given away by her
brother, Mr. Wm. Moon, was becoming-
ly gowned in a suit of blue cloth. Mr.
and Mrs. Spence will reside in Moira.

What may prove to be an important
find of asbestos is reported from the
township of Kalarad, in the County of
Addington. The deposit is said to cover
a large area.

The Grimsthorpe Mining Company
has been organized, with a capital stock
of \$150,000, and will commence work
immediately, sinking shafts and erect-
ing a small stamp mill. The gold bear-
ing quartz is free milling, and said to
be very rich.

Picton Times:—"Mr. Ira Chadsey's
apples netted him this year \$3,395 clear
above everything except the drawing.
Had it not been for losses through de-
ficiency of labor and scarcity of barrels,
etc., he would have netted \$3,500.
Mr. H. W. McQuoid of Brighton was
the buyer, and Mr. Chadsey is well
pleased in every way with the sale.
Mr. Chadsey made Mr. McQuoid a
present of a suit of clothes as an expres-
sion of his good feeling towards him.

The heaviest snowstorm of the win-
ter took place Sunday afternoon and
night in Northwestern Ontario. Rail-
way traffic was greatly impeded by the
heavy drifts.

Death of Mr. F. B. Parker.

Another of Stirling's old and promi-
nent citizens has passed over to the great
majority. Though it was known that
Mr. Parker had been in poor health for
some time, yet his sudden taking off
last evening came as a surprise to many.

Mr. Parker was born in Marmora
over 71 years ago, but had spent the
greater part of his life in Stirling, where
he became one of its most prominent
and well known citizens. He had been
Reeve of the village, and for several
years was one of the members of the
County Council for this division. He
attended the last meeting of the County
Council a couple of weeks ago, and
took an active part in its discussions,
and was then apparently in good health.

Mr. Parker was also Clerk of the Di-
vision Court here, a position which he
had held for the past twenty-five years.
He was also treasurer of the Stirling
School Board. He will be greatly
missed in this community, and his be-
lieved family have the sympathy of all
in their affliction. He leaves a wife
and three daughters, Misses Emily and
Bessie, and Mrs. Dr. Ross, of Kingston.
The funeral will take place on Satur-
day, service being held at the house at
2 o'clock, p.m.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks 1904 Almanac.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks Almanac for
1904 is now ready. It will be mailed to
any address for 30 cents. It is surpris-
ing how such an elegant, costly book
can be sent prepaid so cheaply. No
family or person is prepared to study
the heavens, or the storms and weather
in 1904, without this wonderful Hicks
Almanac, and Prof. Hicks splendid
paper, Word and Works. Both are
sent for only one dollar a year. Word
and Works is among the best Ameri-
can magazines. Like the Hicks Al-
manac, it is too well known to need
further commendation. Few men have
labored more faithfully for the public
good or found a warmer place in the
hearts of the people. Send orders to
Word and Works Publishing Co., 2201
Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

Stirling Public School.

The school closed for the Christmas
holidays on Tuesday, the 22nd.

Aggregate attendance for the month
of December, 1708; average 107. Num-
ber who came every day, 40.

Visits made by ministers (2) viz:
Rev. R. Duke, Rev. S. S. Burns.
Visits by trustees (0). Other visitors,
Misses Maud Ward, Bessie Ward, Jes-
sie Montgomery, Mr. Beall, Peterboro,
Mr. J. G. Fennell, Napanee, Grand
Superintendent Royal Arch Masons,
Miss Grass, Miss Hough, Mrs. Reynolds,
Mrs. C. Boldrick, Mrs. McNabb, Mr.
Ashley.

Mr. F. H. Stinson and Master War-
ren will spend Christmas at the home
of Mr. Stinson's father, Tamworth.
Miss Lambly goes to her home at Belle-
ville, Miss Hawken to Ridgeway, and
Mrs. Robinson visits her daughter in
New York.

Promoted from Jr. II. to Sr. II.,
Robbie Thompson, Harold Martin,
Evelyn McCutcheon, Edna Girdwood,
Daisy Roy, Maud Humm, Earl Tice,
Edith Gould, Fred McCutcheon, Leo
Maloney.
Promoted from Jr. Pr. II. to Sr. Pr.
II.—Marjorie Melkjohn, Vincent
Whitby, Percy Godfrey, Clinton Bar-
row, Lucile Ashley, Charlie Patterson,
Rita Cummings, Roy Bissonette,
Raymond Chambers, Edith Hagerman,
Arthur Sager, Daisy Hayford.

Certificates Granted.

**Results of the Recent Exami-
nations at Madoc Model School.**

At the Madoc Model School teachers'
examinations, the following certificates
were granted, each valid for three
years from January 1st 1904: Flossie
Bailey, Mary Bennett, Bessie Hamil-
ton, I. MacHorton, Gertrude Knox,
Eva P. LaVoie, Mary MacIntosh, Liz-
zie McLachlan, Justina Murray, Lil-
lian Saries, Lou Wellington, Francis
Clarke, Fred Drewry, Earl McCutcheon,
Fred Phillips, Herbert Wilson.

The following district certificates
were granted: For three years—Olive
Baillie, Hattie Burnside, Maggie Mc-
Kenna, Annie O'Reilly, Harriet Payne,
Blanche Rimmington, Lily Stuart, John
McCurdy. For one year—Bessie Speck,
Edmund Waterhouse.

The following renewals of Third Class
certificates were granted: For three
years—Lillian G. McCallum, Lizzie
McNair, Mabel Winter, Florence Sin-
clair, Lottie Mortimer, Ellen Shannon,
Miriam Wagon. From 17th Aug. '03.
For two years—Bernie Ross. For one
year—Mary McNair, Archie McDonald.
For six months—Bernard Reilly, Edith
Yoxeur.

The following additional district cer-
tificates were granted: Maggie Corbett,
(2 yrs.) Maud McElroy, (1 yr.) Emma
Chambers (1 yr.) Carrie Sheridan, (3
yrs.) Minnie McMullen (1 yr.) John A.
Greaves (2 yrs.)

Except where otherwise specified all
the above certificates date from the first
day of January, 1904.

The Wentworth Tomato-Growers'
Association decided that the price of
tomatoes next year should be thirty-five
cents a bushel.

STRAYED.

Came into the premises of the under-
signed, on or about the 15th of October
last, a Heifer Calf. The owner is requested
to move property, pay charges and take
her away.

ARTHUR JUBY,
Lot 34, 9th Con. Sidney.

REMOVAL NOTICE.

W. C. MIKEL, B.C.L., Barrister, Solicitor,
of Belleville, Ont., Solicitor for the City of
Belleville.
Moved to the City Hall where he
will continue a general practice of law except
the Corporation of the City of
Belleville.
Money to Loan at 4.5 for 6 per cent. accord-
ing to quality of security. Telephone No. 185

Ayer's
You can hardly find a home
without its Ayer's Cherry
Pectoral. Parents know what
it does for children: breaks
Cherry
Pectoral
up a cold in a single night,
wards off bronchitis, prevents
pneumonia. Physicians ad-
vise parents to keep it on hand.
"The best cough medicine money can buy
is Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. For the coughs of
children nothing could possibly be better."
J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.
Sole Agents, J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.
Throat, Lungs
Ayer's Pills greatly aid the Cherry
Pectoral in breaking up a cold.

Christmas Farmer's Advocate

An especially hopeful message which,
coming from so able a source, cannot but
be regarded as auspicious, runs through the
Christmas Farmer's Advocate and Home
Magazine, of London, Ont., of which we
have just received a copy. Even its title-
page gives promise of great things for
Canada, and, as though the portent of the
design, beautifully executed in the tri-color
process, were not clear enough for all who
"run" to "read," its prophecy has been
further emphasized by that fine quatrain
from the eminent Canadian writer, Chas.
G. D. Roberts:

"But thou, my country, dream not thou!
Wake, and behold how night is done,—
How on thy breast, and o'er thy brow,
Bursts the uprising sun!"

Ever noted for its out-and-out Canadian
sentiment, the Farmer's Advocate, in this
number, sustains its old-time reputation.
Canadian artists, Canadian writers, Cana-
dian agriculturists speak from its every
page, the result being a number in the
highest degree creditable to its publishers,
and useful and entertaining to its readers.
That the army of the latter is by no means
inconsiderable may be judged from the
fact that over 28 tons of paper have been
required in making up the Christmas
number alone. We congratulate the Far-
mer's Advocate on the success of its hol-
iday number, which, we would suggest,
might be utilized as a Christmas gift
which anyone might be proud to receive.
We also congratulate the readers of that
paper upon the fact that the Farmer's Ad-
vocate will be issued henceforth as a week-
ly, a decision which must redound to the
satisfaction of its readers.

Sir Thomas Lipton says he will again
challenge for the America's Cup.

The Loan & Savings Co.

LIMITED.
CAPITAL, \$250,000

WITH POWERS TO ISSUE \$1,000,000 BONDS.

You may borrow
any amount with which to buy
a home, a farm or
of Money pay off a mortgage
or on your personal note with absolutely
no interest to pay.

Taking 20 years or less to
pay it back in small monthly
payments without interest.

Why pay RENT or be troubled with
mortgages when THE LOAN & SAV-
INGS COMPANY will furnish you with
the money to buy your home or pay off
your mortgage in any locality and charge
you NO INTEREST.

No matter where you live lose no time
but consult at once

THE LOAN & SAVINGS CO., LTD.,
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Strictest investigation courted.

E. W. BROOKS,
Glen Ross, Ont.
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**What One Woman Suffered
and How she Regained
Health and Strength.**

Mrs. John McLean, Flodden P.O., Que.,
says:

"No one realizes how I suffered and was
tormented for years with terrible pains in
my back and the back of my neck. In the
morning when I would get up my eyes
would be so swollen I could hardly see.
I was troubled with dizziness, and the
least exertion would completely exhaust
me. The doctor said it was kidney disease,
but did not help me any. I received one
of your booklets and read the testimonials
of so many prominent people who had re-
covered their health by using the O. R.
Kidney Cure that I felt there might still
be hope for me. I procured a bottle of the
O. R. K. C., and before I finished it began
to improve. I have only taken four
bottles and feel like a new woman. I
could tell every sufferer what a blessing the
O. R. Kidney Cure has been to me.
Ten days treatment, 50c. from all druggists
or by mail. Write for free book of
testimonials.

The O. R. MEDICINE CO., Limited,
TORONTO, ONT.

NOTICE.

Having leased the late John A.
Joyce's Blacksmith stand for a term
of years, I am now prepared to do all
kinds of Blacksmith Work. Solicit-
ing a call from all of my old customers
and as many new ones as can see fit
to do so.

N. LANKTREE.

P.S.—A full line of Cutters, Cream
Separators, and all kinds of MASSEY-
HARRIS Farm Implements on hand.
LANKTREE & FRENCH, Agents.
Joyce's Old Stand, Stirling.

THE PEOPLE'S POPULAR CASH STORE.

Fill your Winter Wants at G. N.
MONTGOMERY'S.

In MEN'S UNDERWEAR you need not go elsewhere. He has some
values superior to any ever shown before. Don't miss looking at our 25c.
line. They are special. A very complete range and prices we guarantee.

LADIES' HOSIERY.—Now is the time to make your purchase in heavy,
Wool Hose, before you catch cold; and to do so you always want to get the
best. Try G. N. MONTGOMERY'S, he has some values that will set you think-
ing.

Men's Kid Gloves and Mitts, Driving Mitts, Wool Gloves and Mitts. Our
values are pocket catchers.

FLANNELETTES AND SHIRTINGS.—In these our assortment is very
large, and you can save money when buying at this store. Our prices range
from 5c. to 15c. yd.

FLANNELETTE SHEETS.—We have some at very low figures. You
all want them. And now is the time to buy when they are cheap.

TABLE LINENS AND TOWELLINGS.—At 25c. we have a winner, 62
inches. At 35c., something you all want for the money. At 45c., very special
value, 64 inches. At 50c., pure linen, bleached. At 75c. and \$1.00, with
napkins to match.

TABLE NAPKINS.—We have them to suit, in price and quality.

TOWELLINGS from 4c. yd. and upwards.

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR.—We don't need to
mention our values. Ask to see them when here. Our values talk for these
goods, and we want you all to see them before buying elsewhere.

LADIES' STOCK COLLARS.—All new this week, and something you
All of the very latest styles.

LADIES' WRAPPERS.—We have mentioned very little about them
before, and now our stock is most complete. Now is the time every lady
wants one, and G. N. Montgomery's is the place to buy.

LADIES' FLANNELETTE UNDERWEAR is going fast. We have
some odd lines and they must be cleared out to make room for our Xmas
goods. Special bargains.

FANCY TABLE SPREADS AND BED QUILTS.—Our values are the
best made and prices cap them all.

GROCERIES.

PURE AND FRESH.

Don't forget when coming to town with your Poultry, Dried Apples, Butter
and Eggs, where to go. Try G. N. MONTGOMERY. You will be more than
satisfied with his values.

Try his 25c. Tea. He has something very special. You cannot get any
better.

COFFEES.—He has the very best. Every pound guaranteed. Call for a
sample. It will please everybody.

Dinner Set Free To Our Customers.

Special offer to our many customers who want to purchase a Dinner Set
Free. To do so, take a coupon for every 25c. cash purchase at this store, and
you will soon draw a Fine Porcelainware Dinner Set. Notice these Dinner
Sets to be given away, in our window.

G. N. MONTGOMERY.

Don't forget where we are MILNE'S OLD STAND.

THE GREAT CHARITY.

THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, TORONTO.

It Takes Care of Every Sick Child in Ontario Who Cannot Afford to Pay
for Treatment.

The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto,
is not a local institution—it is Provincial.

The sick child from any part of Ontario whose parents cannot afford to pay for treatment has the same claim and the same privileges as the Toronto child born within sight of its walls.

This is the reason that the Trustees appeal to the fathers and mothers of Ontario—for as their money goes out to help the Hospital so the Hospital's mercy can go out to help the children.

This is the 28th year of the Hospital's life. The story of the years is a wonder-
ful one—for in that period 10,000 children
have been treated, and over 5,000 cured
and 3,000 improved.

Last year there were 868 boys and girls
in its beds and cots, and of these 493 were
cured and 247 improved.

Look at these pictures of club feet—be-
fore and after.

There are two newspaper cots, and boys
and girls from the country are placed in
the cots founded by the newspaper men.
The Newspaper Proprietors of Ontario
have kindly helped the Hospital by insert-
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Take off the handicap of deformity—
give all children a fair start in the race of
life.

Twenty-three children who came in with
club feet were sent home perfect cures last
year. There are as many more in the
Hospital to-day awaiting treatment.

The X Ray department gives wonderful
results. A girl came in with a double
thumb on one hand. She left with one
thumb—a perfect hand.

See what the hand of the Surgeon does
for the crippled children of Ontario.

If you know of a sick child—the club
foot boy or girl—send his parent's name to
the Hospital.

Please send your contributions to J.
R. Robertson, Chairman, or to Douglas
Davidson, Sec. Treas. of the Hospital for
Sick Children, College Street, Toronto.

Money kept from the Hospital is mercy
kept from the children.

THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese, and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Wheat: The market for Ontario grades continues to be steady. No. 2 white and red winter sold today at 77c low; No. 2 Spring steady at 72c; No. 2 East, and No. 2 good at 72c; Manitoba wheat steady. At upper lake ports No. 1 Northern is quoted at 83c, and No. 2 Northern at 81c.

At 83c, No. 1 hard nominal at 83c; at 81c, No. 1 hard nominal at 81c. Quotations are 6c higher than above.

Oats: The market is quiet, with prices firmer. No. 2 white sold at 37c, and at 27c low freight to New York. No. 1 white firmer at 28c east.

Barley: The market is quiet, with the prices steady. No. 2 quoted at 40c to 41c middle freight; No. 3 extra at 39c, and No. 3 at 37c middle freight.

Peas: Trade is dull, and prices unchanged. No. 2 white quoted at 61c middle freight, and at 62c east. No. 2 quoted at 51c west, and at 52c middle freight.

Corn: The market is quiet, and prices unchanged. No. 2 white quoted at 51c middle freight, and at 52c east. No. 2 quoted at 51c west, and at 52c middle freight.

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Country Postmasters Will Be Benefited.

An Ottawa despatch says: Now that the Post-office Department has arrived at a self-sustaining basis, Sir William Mulock has directed that the minimum salaries of postmasters be raised from \$10 to \$25 a year, and that the salaries of all those who are paid on a percentage of revenue be increased by 10 per cent. on the amount which they would receive under the scale hitherto in operation.

Postmasters who act as intermediaries between the world at large and smaller offices dependent on them have the allowance they receive on this head increased by 10 per cent. The additional expenditure involved by this order aggregates \$300,000.

The same percentage of increase has been applied to the commissions paid for the transaction of money order and savings business, while the pay for carrying on the postal note business has been doubled. In order to remove the cramped condition of many offices, which hitherto received no compensation for space, the postmaster's rent allowance is made to begin when the revenue of an office reaches \$100, instead of \$800, as hitherto. The minimum allowance is \$5 for a \$100 revenue, and increases of \$5 a year are allowed until a revenue of \$800 a year is attained.

GOING TO DEATH BY BULL. Laborer Meets a Terrible Fate Near Brockville.

A Brockville despatch says: Abraham Charlton, a farm laborer of Glenburn, employed by C. J. Gilroy and Son, was gored to death by a bull on Thursday night. No one witnessed what took place, the first intimation coming from the young son of Mr. Charlton. The lad went to the stable, and, seeing a man stretched in front of the door, ran back to tell Mr. Gilroy that a tramp was lying in the barn, and Mr. Gilroy went to investigate. To his astonishment he found that it was the boy's father, dead. He was feeding the stock for the night, and it is supposed one of the bulls broke loose, and in attempting to place it in the stall again, he was attacked. The body was terribly mutilated. Charlton leaves a widow and small family.

VICTIM OF A RUNAWAY. St. Catharines Lady Knocked Down and Killed.

A St. Catharines despatch says: Mrs. Stott, an elderly lady, who resides at the corner of Ottawa and Wiley Streets, was the victim of a runaway accident about noon on Saturday on the Market Square, which resulted in the old lady's death.

The hospital about an hour later. Mrs. Stott had been making some purchases on the market, when a horse attached to a light wagon, which had taken fright and made a dash through the crowded square, knocked her down, fracturing her skull.

PATRICK UPTON DEAD. Man Who Was Brained by His Niece Succumbs.

A London despatch says: Patrick Upton, of Stratford, who was murdered by his niece, Fanny McGarvey, six weeks ago, died at that place at an early hour on Friday morning. A charge of murder will now be laid against Miss McGarvey at once. She has been confined in the jail here ever since the occurrence.

DIED ON WAY TO DINNER. Sudden Call to Secretary of Watrous Engine Works.

A Brantford despatch says: Fred T. Wilkison, secretary of the Watrous Engine Works, of this place, passed away very suddenly at noon on Thursday. He was attending to business all the morning and in his usual health. On his way home to dinner he was taken suddenly with an attack of acute indigestion and with heart failure. He passed away in a short time.

MOUNTAIN OF COPPER. Remarkable Deposit in North Cape Breton.

A Halifax despatch says: The report of the finding of very extensive deposits of nickeliferous copper at Cheticamp in the northern part of Cape Breton is confirmed. The Provincial Department of Mines states that one ore body is two hundred and seventy feet wide, carrying gold and silver besides other metals. Dr. Gilpin, Deputy Commissioner of Mines, expresses the opinion that from present indications the find will rank among the largest copper mines in the world. The copper ore appears to be an almost solid mountain of mineralized rock, the ledge rising over a thousand feet in a bald bluff, practically at tide water.

CHOLERA IN TURKEY. A Hundred and Seventy Deaths in Town of Kerkela.

A Constantinople despatch says: An epidemic of cholera is raging at Kerkela, south of Bagdad. From December 2 to December 12, 176 deaths from the disease were recorded. The town has a population of about 65,000 souls.

LEPER'S PITABLE FATE. Japan has 200,000 registered cases of leprosy. There is no pity or compassion for the lepers. Men or women young or old they are turned adrift on the highways, homeless wanderers, dependent for subsistence upon casual doses of food thrown to them from afar.

CANADIAN NORTHERN.

Mr. Mann Foresees the Company's Objects.

A Montreal despatch says: Mr. D. B. Mann, president of the Canadian Northern Railway, who is in Montreal, speaking on Wednesday of railway plans, said: "It is our idea to eventually construct a third-gauge railway system in Canada in spite of reports to the contrary, or stories that any of our property is for sale. None of our roads are for sale, nor are we negotiating with any persons for the sale of any of them."

It is the purpose of Mackenzie and Mann to combine the roads they already own into one system, and as business warrants it they will push their line further westward, until they reach the Pacific coast, and eastward to the Maritime Provinces.

Combined, the lines will form a third-gauge railway system across the continent. Mr. Mann said there was no doubt but that the system would eventually be built, and concluded by saying that all the Mackenzie and Mann roads so far built had proved paying ventures. The opening of the Quebec and Montreal line between Quebec and Montreal is one of the steps leading to the accomplishment of the larger object.

IRISH HOME FORCE. Volunteer System to be Extended to Ireland.

A London despatch says: Political conditions and religious feuds have hitherto induced the British Government not to allow the extension to Ireland of the volunteer system, which has for many years been established in England and Scotland. The matter has often been agitated in the House of Commons, but although the militia has been enrolled for a long time, and like the Irish regulars, proved among the most valuable of Great Britain's troops, successive Governments at London would not sanction a home defence force for Ireland. The papers on Thursday morning state that the introduction of the system to Ireland has been decided upon. Twenty-six battalions will be raised in various parts of the country. Their formation will be provided for in the forthcoming programme of army reform, prepared by Mr. Arnold Forster, Secretary of State for War. The last volunteer force in Ireland was raised by the great land-owners more than a hundred years ago, when there were fears of a French invasion. The British Government did not support the movement, and the Viceroy of Ireland was greatly dismayed, although all the volunteers were Protestants. The present sanction can be traced to the splendid services of the Irish regiments in South Africa, and the improved political relations.

NEW SMOKELESS POWDER. An Interesting Announcement by British Expert.

A London despatch says:—Col. W. Hope announces that after nine and a half years' continuous work, which he has calculated and recorded over ten thousand experiments, he has produced an absolutely safe and stable smokeless powder, which he calls veloxite. He says that it contains 73 per cent. more powder as a propellant agent, weight for weight, than the Government's present powder, yet it contains no nitro-compound, no sulphur, no phosphorus, no chlorate, and no dangerous ingredients. The flashing point of black powder is at 640 degrees Fahrenheit, that of cordite and all nitro powders is only from 360 to 370 degrees, while that of veloxite is about 12,000 degrees. He says that veloxite stands the hammering of a sledge hammer on an anvil. The ingredients of which it is made are stable. The setting up of chemical action is impossible in any length of time, and in any variations of climatic conditions. Veloxite can be made in the morning and fired in the afternoon, not requiring, as other powders do, several weeks to manufacture. It can be made cheaply, its ingredients can be purchased in unlimited quantities by the ton, and it is available for small arms as well as artillery.

FORGED MONEY ORDERS. Clever Piece of Swindling Comes to Light in the Capital.

An Ottawa despatch says: A clever piece of swindling came to light on Saturday when the Dominion Express Company ascertained that three money-orders, aggregating in all \$125, had been forged and passed to three city merchants. One for \$45, one for \$40, and one for \$40. The forgers were drawn on the Dominion Express office at Spencerville, and had the name of the express agent forged upon them. It is thought the book of blanks from which these orders were written was stolen. It is the only case of forgery that has been tried on in Ottawa with express orders, and the confidence with which the orders were accepted was due to the fact that it was thought impossible to work a crooked game with them. The matter is causing considerable sensation, as money-orders are accepted as cash every day.

COLD AND ANTHRAX. Fees to British Expedition to Tibet.

A Calcutta, India, despatch says: The British expedition, which entered Tibet after having crossed the Jelep Pass at 14,380 feet above the sea level, and reached Ruchangong, on its way to the Chumbi Valley, met with immense transport difficulties. The cold was intense, 30 degrees of frost being registered, and anthrax broke out among the Nepalese bullocks. Native Indian troops, British artillerymen, a detachment of the Norfolk Regiment, two sergeants and a machine gun form the expedition.

LOKS FROM THE WIRE

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

Telegraphic Briefs From Our Own and Other Countries of CANADA.

The fire underwriters will not reduce London's insurance rates. James Downey, turnkey of the Brockville jail, dropped dead on Saturday.

The King has approved of his birth day being celebrated in Canada, on the 24th of May as a general holiday.

The Manitoba Government has purchased a site in St. Charles municipality for the proposed agricultural college.

A carload of prisoners, numbering thirty-five, have been sent from Stony Mountain Penitentiary, Man., to St. Vincent de Paul, Quebec.

Complaints have been received from commercial men in Toronto with regard to the administration of justice in Montreal, and an investigation is to take place.

Wholesale fruit men of Winnipeg, who had 7,000 barrels of apples frozen en route over the Canadian Pacific Railway, are suing the company for \$15,000.

Expert safe-blowers robbed the office of the Harris Abattoir Company, at Toronto, on Friday night. The police suspect the men who robbed a jewellery store at Tilbury on Thursday night.

A. D. Develles, general librarian of the Parliament Library, Ottawa, has been officially notified that he has been appointed to the Legion of Honor, in recognition of his valuable work of a journalistic and historical character.

GREAT BRITAIN. Sir Thomas Lipton says he will again challenge for the America's Cup.

It is reported that the King and Queen will soon visit Ireland and attend the Punchestown races.

The Duke of Norfolk, the premier duke of England, is to marry Geraldine, daughter of Lord Harries. She is 27, he is 50.

Although the lowest bids came from Belgium, the London County Council decided to order rails for train lines from British firms.

At auction in London the other day the manuscript of the Apocalypse of St. John, executed by monks in the thirteenth century, was sold for \$4,500.

UNITED STATES. Forty-one Detroiters committed suicide last year. Hot weather was the principal cause.

At Cleveland, on Saturday, R. W. Derby killed all the members of his family, and then committed suicide.

The Michigan Improved Live Stock Breeders' Association, has passed a resolution against reciprocity with Canada.

Michael W. Taylor, the largest man in Michigan, died at Detroit of rheumatism and fatty degeneration of the heart, weighing 425 pounds.

Arthur Ralstead, of Baltimore, a lad of 12, who has been blind since infancy, dangerously shot himself because he couldn't see to play with his comrades.

Senator Hayden of Idaho, has introduced in the Senate, a joint resolution, requesting the President to acquire by annexation the Island of San Domingo.

A crusade against alleged wholesale perjury in bankruptcy proceedings was inaugurated with the indictment and arrest of four men on that charge at New York.

A leader of the United States Steel Corporation states that, beginning January 1st, about ninety per cent. of the employees of the corporation will suffer wage reductions ranging from five to twenty per cent.

England has served formal notice upon the United States Government that under the favored nation clause it expects that British sugar from the British West Indies shall be admitted into the United States on equal terms with Cuban sugar.

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All Linen Handkerchiefs, fancy embroidered edge, 25c.
Fine Lawn Handkerchiefs, trimmed lace and insertion, 5, 8, 10, 15c. to 25c.
White Lawn Handkerchiefs, hemstitched edge, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15c.; 6 for 25c.
Ladies' Handkerchiefs, all pure linen, fine narrow hemstitched border, 18, 20 and 25c.

Gentlemen's Linen Handkerchiefs, initial embroidered in corner, 25c.
Ladies' and Gentlemen's Silk Handkerchiefs and Scarfs, 25c. to \$1.25.
Gentleman's Black Silk Scarfs, quilted and lined with satin, 40c.
Ladies' Wool Hoods, in black and colors, 40c., 50c. and 60c.
Children's Wool Hoods and Caps, white, red, pink and blue, 25c. to 50c.
Children's Wool Booties and Mittens, 10c., 15c. and 20c.
Small Boys' Wool Sweaters, cardinal and navy, 45c.
Fancy Cushion Tops, in Denim, Sateen, Silk and Plush, 25c. to \$2.50.
Piano Drapes, heavy silk fringe, wide embroidery, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$4.00.

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Village Nominations.

The meeting in the Town Hall on Monday evening last for the purpose of nominating persons for Reeve and Councillors for the village of Stirling, and also School Trustees, was largely attended by the ratepayers, and a lively interest was manifested in the proceedings. The nominations were as follows:

For REEVE—G. G. Thrasher, L. Meiklejohn, John Conley, J. E. Halliwell, W. S. Martin.

For COUNCILLORS—E. T. Caverley, Geo. Lagrow, Henry Kerr, W. S. Martin, A. L. Hough, Chas. E. Parker, Wm. J. Graham, S. Wright, L. Meiklejohn, A. E. Tweedie, D. Utman, J. E. Halliwell, W. R. Mather, Thos. H. McKee, Dr. Zwick, Dr. Alger.

For SCHOOL TRUSTEES—John Shaw, Jas. Boldrick, O. Vandervoort, W. S. Martin, Robert Chambers, Thos. H. McKee, H. Kerr.

After the hour for nominations the candidates were called upon to express their views, the members of the old Council being asked to speak first.

Mr. Conley had not much to say, as he had been away the greater part of the year, and did not know all that had been done. He condemned the street lights in strong terms. He was not a candidate for re-election.

Mr. Halliwell called particular attention to the item in the financial statement for Roads and bridges, which amounted to \$647.46, and for which there was very little to show. The high price of lumber and the increase of wages to laborers made it impossible

keep the sidewalks in proper repair, except by calling for a much higher rate of taxation. He advocated the borrowing of a sum of money sufficient to put down permanent walks on all the principal streets, to be paid off in thirty years, principal and interest in yearly installments. This would reduce our taxation, as the payments for \$10,000 borrowed for this purpose would only amount to \$571.50 per annum, which is much less than we pay at present, and now we have nothing to show for it.

He thought the street lights were all right if properly attended to. He was not a candidate for either reeve or councillor.

Mr. Meiklejohn, after referring to the loss our village had sustained by the death of several prominent citizens, said in regard to the item for roads and bridges, that we would have to do something with our sidewalks, and also advocated the borrowing of money to put down permanent walks. He thought \$6,000 or \$7,000 would be sufficient. He thought the street lights were all right. All that was needed was that they should be properly attended to.

Mr. Lagrow also agreed with the previous speakers in reference to building cement walks instead of putting down more board walks.

Mr. Utman thanked the ratepayers for their support in the past. He was not a candidate for councillor.

Mr. Thrasher, in referring to the financial statement, said the reason of the high taxes and the deficiency now in the finances, was that last year the school board asked for some \$900 or \$900 less than they should have done. He was not a candidate at this election.

Mr. W. S. Martin said we had now come to the parting of the ways, and that something must be done. He showed by figures which he submitted that the wisest plan was to borrow money to pay off our present indebtedness, and to put down permanent walks on all the principal streets. He showed that there would be a considerable saving to the ratepayers by adopting this course, and that our taxes would be reduced.

Messrs. Caverley, Kerr, and McKee resigned and would not be candidates for the position of councillors.

Others that were nominated for councillors were not present.

Those that were nominated for school trustees were next called upon.

Mr. Boldrick, in referring to village matters said that the scheme submitted by Mr. Martin and others was a good one, and was satisfied that something of that nature must be done. He referred to the high standing of our High School; and stated that he had been on the school board for many years, and wished to serve for another term.

Mr. Shaw concurred in the scheme of Mr. Martin and others in reference to raising money for village improvements. He asked reelection as a member of the school board.

Messrs. Vandervoort and Chambers were not present.

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Thanking you again for your patronage, and wishing you A Happy New Year, I remain yours

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25 Wood Wanted.

To the Electors of Stirling.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
After careful consideration I have decided to offer my services as Councillor for 1904. I do not intend to canvass the Village as I am well aware the people of Stirling know their own mind in this matter. I have a deep interest in all the affairs of our village, and trust you will support me. I am, truly yours
L. MEIKLEJOHN.

To the Electors of the Vil- lage of Stirling.

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Having been nominated for Councillor for the Village for 1904, and not having time to make a personal canvass, I ask your support, promising to serve you faithfully to the best of my ability.
Truly yours,
SYLVENUS WRIGHT.

FOR SALE.

The House and Lot on Front Street, just west of Mrs. Caldwell's, formerly occupied by the late Thos. Wee-ee. For terms and further particulars apply to OAKLEY VANDERVOORT, Stirling, or
Mrs. JOHN F. HARRY, Trenton.

Stirling Horticultural Society

The annual meeting of the Stirling Horticultural Society will be held in McKee's Hall, Stirling, on Wednesday, Jan. 13th, 1904, at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the annual report, electing officers, and transacting any other business in connection with the Society.
A full attendance of members is requested.
A. E. BOLDRICK, G. G. THRASHER,
President. Secretary

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Levelling and balancing the action and gait of horses, and remedying and curing the different diseases of the foot and leg, such as Laminitis or founder, Ullittas, Cornitas, Contractions, Quarter Cracks, Manicure, Joint Lameness, Interfering, one water wheel or any faulty action of the horse. Consultation free of charge. Come and give us a trial and be convinced. All work guaranteed or money refunded.
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NOTICE.

There will (D.V.) be a church opening of the Holiness Movement Church at Stirling, commencing Jan. 7th, and continuing four days.
Bishop Horner is to be with us and friends will be present to assist in this great work.
We extend a cordial invitation to all.
H. J. LINDSAY, Pastor,
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FOR SALE.

A lot of Shaffing with different sized pulleys, all in good condition; also, two good turning lathes, one nearly new; two saw frames with different sized saws ready for immediate use; one Planing Machine; two power Boring Machines; one water wheel with iron gate; a small lot of belting; one building, 30 x 60 feet, built of best kind of material throughout. All will be sold at bed rock prices. For full particulars call on
A. WARD,
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STRAYED.

Came into the premises of the undersigned, on or about the 15th of October last, a Heifer Calf. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take her away.
ARTHUR JUBY,
Lot 34, 9th Con. Sidney.

FARM FOR SALE

The East Half of Lot 16, in the 3rd Con. of Rawdon, containing 100 acres. Good large brick house, and good barns and out-buildings. A never failing spring near barn. Good orchard. The farm is a first class one, and known as the Radford farm. For terms and further particulars, apply to
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CUTTERS.

I am getting in my stock of Cutters, of the best make, style and finish, trimmed with Mohair Plush in a variety of colors, up-to-date in every respect. In purchasing, having taken the advantage of all the rates and discounts possible, therefore, I am sure it will pay intending purchasers to call and see my stock and get prices.
Also, Long Sleighs with boxes, in stock. Sale rooms adjoining S. Wright's Blacksmith Shop, Stirling.
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Our display of Fancy China is larger and better than ever.

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You will always find a fresh and a complete stock of Groceries with us.

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S. HOLDEN.

In the Surrogate Court of the County of Hastings.

In the estate of James Doak, late of the Village of Stirling, in the County of Hastings, gentleman, deceased.
Whereas the late James Doak departed this life leaving a last will and testament, by which he directed a legacy to be paid over by his said executor therein named, to Annie Robinson, his niece, who was born in the Township of Rawdon, in the County of Hastings. Therefore the said executor has caused this notice to be published in the Stirling News-Argus for the purpose of locating the whereabouts of said Annie Robinson, one of the United States of America. And it is no knowledge be obtained of the whereabouts of said Annie Robinson, on or before the 15th day of January the said executor will proceed to distribute the said legacy to those next entitled.
All information to be addressed to the executor, W. L. Bird, Halloway, P.O.
Dated at Stirling, this 17th day of Dec, 1903.
G. G. THRASHER,
Solicitor for Executor.

THE MINUET.

T WAS danced in the hall by the first of the red glow. For the palms hid the lamps at the side. And each form was outlined in the floor below. Wistful the shadows were spread far and wide. But the shadows were misty—a softening gray—in accord with the slow melody. The light of the fire drove the dark lines away. While it lent all a sweet mystery. Both dancers were courtly and figures of grace. Yet the maid held my fancy alone. The glow gave a blush to her beautiful face. In her dark eyes a faint light shone. And then she courted, so stately, so slow. With the grace of an age ago. It seemed like a dream of the long, long ago—Like a dream that I knew could not last. So stately, so slow, was each step that she made. And so graceful the head that she bent; The old fashioned fan, that at times cast a shade. Such an air of true elegance lent. The place of the dance gave a place to my thought. And I dreamed of the days that are dead; The spell of the dance was by sorcery wrought. And the hurrying modern days fled. It was peace—the sweet rest of the olden day. When all idols were put to rest for my love. The dance, the dance, and as king Love held sway. Before Mammon to ruler had grown. And all those who watched were bewitched by the dance. And they dreamed till the measure was over. Today was forgot in the short backward glance. And the charms of the day gone before. —Flavel Scott Miles.

NANNIE.

BY J. H. CONNELLY.

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CHAPTER I.

The most exciting New Year's I ever spent, said the old manager, owed its excitement altogether to a woman, yet she was no more to me than Adam's grandmother, supposing he ever had one, and I had no more personal interest in her affairs than I have in the domestic concerns of the man in the moon.

It was the winter I put the French circus troop from New Orleans on the stage of the old National theater. The company was a very fine one, times were good, a winter circus proved a profitable novelty for the public, but I never repeated the experiment. The possibilities involved in circus life are a little too stirring for my blood. A strong feature in our programme, up to and including New Year's day, was the "Wild Beast Den" act, by M. Alphonse Dubose, but after the date I have specified it was omitted. M. Dubose used to go in among his lion, tiger and leopard—all in one cage—and top with them, thinking no more of the probability of their lurching upon him than if they had been spaniels. All the wild beast tamer I have ever seen have been fine looking fellows, powerful and handsome, as I suppose they have to be to command the respect



A TENDER CHAT

the savage animals, who doubtless have an innate sense of a standard of physical perfection; but Dubose was by long odds the most magnificent specimen of a man I ever saw in the business. He was big for a Frenchman, but so finely proportioned that you would not realize his size unless you stood beside him. And a strange thing it was that he, though his complexion was dark and his hair and mustache black as jet—natural, too, not dyed—his large eyes were of a light blue, with steel gray glints, and he seemed able to flash fire from them when he was roused.

In our own circus companies as a rule, except those which in late years produce heavy spectacles, women are in the minority, but the French system, in the organization of all entertainments meant to catch the popular fancy, is to put on plenty of women—the more the merrier—and that holds good in their circuses as well as everything else. There were more handsome girls and women in that French troop than would have been thought possible in any three American circuses of that day—not simply performers of special acts, though there were a good many of them, but a whole raft full of what seemed to be underlings for no other earthly use than standing around and looking pretty, which I must say they did to perfection.

One of the most striking of the whole lot was a troupe performer, billed as Mlle. Nannine Lascelles, a large limbed, voluptuous looking creature, with glorious black eyes and lips as red as blood in the sunshine. She and Dubose made a splendid pair and seemed to be together a good deal, more because she wanted it that way than from any effort of his. A man, you know, is often injudiciously enthusiastic in demonstrating his interest in a woman whose appearance attracts him, and it is her nature than to stand him off and affect indifference, but after a time he is liable to relax his ardor and show a disposition to give up the game. Then it is a hundred chances to one that the woman's natural contrariness will assert itself and induce her to take him as he holds on all the tighter, and as he cools off she heats, so that the general average of terror is maintained and perhaps even raised.

That is about the point to which Alphonse and Nannine had got. Of course I did not know anything about all this from my own observation at the time, for there were too many of them, and they were so good at their jobs, that I could take any particular notice of their goings on; but

when the pot finally boiled over I naturally made some pretty close inquiries as to how the fire got under it, and so obtained the whole story.

On New Year's eve Nannine and Dubose had quite a lively scene in the wings. She had just learned of his having given a very handsome little watch as a Christmas present to a girl named Babette Paillard, who was of no particular account from a professional point of view—being simply one of the grand entre equestriennes and figurantes—but exceedingly pretty. Babette was one of those milk and roses complexions, little girls, plump as a partridge, golden haired, and had the daintiest little hands and feet imaginable.

One would hardly think to see the saucy point of her lips and roguish sparkle in her eyes that she was such a very good girl as every body said she was, but Dubose doubtless knew it, for he was so thoroughly in love with her that he purposed marriage, and she was quite as fond of him. And the first thing Nannine knew of it all was when some mischief maker told her about the watch. That set her flaming, and she attacked him with reproaches, regardless of who might hear her, denouncing his "faithlessness" and threatening to be revenged upon him if he "proved false."

He quieted her down as well as he could, but unhappily she was not so amenable to the discipline of his eyes as the cat animals in the cage were, and her subjugation was far from complete. He and she knew best what promises he made, if any, and what excuses. Doubtless he said anything that suggested itself as temporarily soothing for a man naturally wants to put a stop to a scene of that sort. But an hour later a good opportunity occurred for a little tender chat and lovemaking with Mlle. Babette in a dark corner of the stage. Perhaps she purposely made the opportunity, for the gentlest woman loves a triumph over a rival, but she was not hardly have been so imprudent, I imagine, had she for a moment dreamed of the tragic possibilities she invoked.

Nannine had a brother in the troop, a drunken fellow, past middle age, but broken been a good clown in his day, but broken



A TERRORIZING SCENE.

down by dissipation and rheumatism was at this time simply a banner holder, a supernumerary—a hanger on kept for "old time's sake." He was jealous of his sister's profession, standing her good salary, and she despised him, a feeling she took no care to conceal. It was consequently a fine chance for him to do a mean, spiteful thing to wound her by telling her of the little interview between him and the girl he loved, and the malicious note improved it, even going so far as to decorate his recital with mention of kisses, which may or may not have been true. He showed devilish cunning about it, too, in waiting to tell her until she was just going on the stage for her troupe act, when she could not immediately free her mind by speech, which is a great relief to a woman, but would have led herself in check, getting all the time hotter and hotter inside, while facially smiling to the public and doing her very best.

By the time she got down to terra firma again both Alphonse and Babette had left the theater, and she had no prospect of seeing either of them again that night if it told her by her brother Francois was true—that they had gone away together. It was a lie, but as Alphonse, who went with a party of merry Frenchmen to see the old year out, did not return to his hotel until much too late for her to see him she believed it. Probably there was not in the city a more unhappy woman than that New Year's eve, and she was not alone in her desperation she determined upon and prepared for a savage revenge. To it she made sacrifice of her old, ugly lapdog, which she had lugged about the country for years. Apostrophizing the poor little beast as a witness that her vengeance was just, she cut its throat and carefully saved its blood in a big, wide mouthed pomatum jar.

CHAPTER II.

At the matinee performance the next day, Nannine was singing and gracing as ever, up to the time she went to her dressing room. She was amiable to Alphonse and so pleasant to Babette that the innocent little fool thought they would probably be very good friends after all.

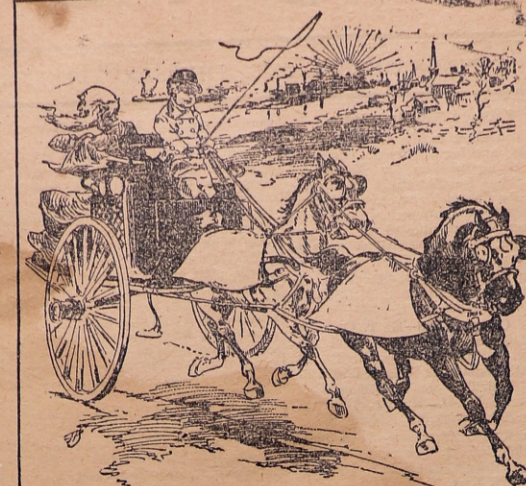
The house was packed, and understanding it was New Year's day and "calle" had not then gone out of fashion. In the population of a big city there are always many persons who have no one to visit, even upon New Year's, and who, to whom a matinee on a holiday is an inestimable boon as a decent and sober means for killing time necessarily abstracted from business. Then, too, not a few "callers"—more or less inebriated, but all happy and it pleasant to drop in, if only for a few minutes, as a vacation to the monkey of the day's proceedings. And a good many ladies have prejudices against being public bar-keepers for even one day in the year evade the unpleasant social duty by taking their children to a show. So, all together, they made up quite a good audience for us.

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served and glided wood, full two feet high in front and on the ends, but not more than six inches at the back. The three compartments into which the cage was divided were readily thrown into one by his swinging back the two partitions by the lion. The center one, inhabited by the lion, the tiger roamed in one end space, the leopard in the other, and three finer animals of their respective kinds than those were I have never seen. They were young, vigorous, in fine condition and did not seem to me any too well broken, but he did not seem to have any more afraid of them than if they had been rabbits. I noticed, however, that always before he entered the cage a couple of long iron rods were heated white hot at a charcoal brazier in the wings and kept in readiness there until he left the "den." It was no small feat of strength for him to roll that huge structure with his heavy and dangerous freight in from the old warehouse at the back—temporarily engaged for the circus troupe's use—through the long, low, narrow passageway, under the "flies" and out to its place on these legs. That afternoon Dubose took his best and in high spirits. They greeted him with their usual demonstration of snarls, growls and menacing displays of formidable teeth and claws, but a few sharp cuts with his heavy hippopotamus hide whip quickly set them scamp and he was in and peeping over his head in safety of his mastery. Presently they quieted down and went through the ordinary programme of exercises in unwilling obedience to his orders. All went well until a certain point where he was in his worst position for defense in case of their attacking him. He sat upon the prostrate lion, with the leopard on one side and the lion on the other, each resting one forepaw on his shoulders, with their ferocious jaws only a few inches from his head and back of his fear compelling eyes. It was a highly effective group, but one to make you shudder if you happened to think what might easily happen.

At that moment something extraordinary happened. The sharpest eyes among the spectators could not determine with certainty whether there was a sudden shower of blood thrown into the cage from behind and above Dubose's head, or whether his blood spurted up and over the group like a fountain from wounds made by the claws on his shoulders. Which ever it was, the blood was there, and the sight and smell of it instantaneously frenzied the beasts, effacing all the lessons of the training and bringing out their savage instincts.

With the suddenness of a flash of lightning, far more quickly than any human eye could follow in detail their movements, they had their trainer prostrate on the floor of the cage, dragging him to and fro, fighting each other for possession of him and biting pieces off him and out of each other. Wonderful as it may seem, he was not hurt, but he kept his senses through all the frightful ordeal. Knowing it would be but a few seconds until his attendants, with the best iron rods, would come to his rescue, he made no effort to fight or crawl from the cage, but lay upon his back at their disposal, with only one strong feat that he might crush a nerve and finish him at once. So long as he did not attempt to rise he was perfectly safe from the terrible blows of their paws, with which they are able to smash the skull of an ox.

The house was in an awful uproar; men shouting exclamations of sympathy and women screaming and fainting; children crying, and fellows scrambling on the stage with revolvers to shoot the animals. Doubtless the time seemed long to every one, but it was really less than half a minute from the first alarm until the white hot iron rods drove the maddened brutes from their prey. In a couple of seconds each animal was squeezing himself in a corner of the cage, the lion roaring, the tiger springing like a monster cat, and the leopard yelling like a demon, while in the center of the floor lay Dubose, covered with blood, his muscles torn and mangled. The back door was opened, and he was carefully drawn out and laid upon a mattress on the stage. How badly he was hurt no one could say until a surgeon arrived to examine him, but it was supposed his injuries were fatal.

Of course that thrilling incident ended the matinee. The curtain was lowered, and a gang of helpers started the big cage back to its place in the warehouse. While it was going through the narrow passageway and necessarily moving slowly, Francois Lascelles raised a shout which attracted the attention of 50 persons within hearing, and following with their eyes the direction he was looking all saw the figure of a woman in ring costume of trunk and tights leaping up from the roof of the cage and clutching a dangling rope climb up it and disappear in the flies. She was recognized at once—Nannine Lascelles!

A score of men dashed up the stairs to the "fly gallery," chased her to the bridge, captured her and dragged her down to the stage, where Dubose was lying awaiting the verdict of life or death from the surgeon. Blood was upon her right hand, and a man who clambered to the roof of the cage found there the bloody pomatum jar. Francois met her, and looking at him with scorn and hate she hissed venomously, "Spied upon and betrayed by—my brother!"

"Murderer!" he retorted, with a gesture that directed her sight to her victim. He was conscious, and no doubt suffering horribly, but bearing his pain like a stoic and rapidly bleeding to death. He shouted her captors to him. "It was her work!" He looked sharply at her, coldly at them, as if not understanding.

"She had hidden herself on the cage, concealed by its top," they explained to him, "and threw in the blood to set the beasts crazy." She meant they should kill her. Nannine, looking down at the gory wreck of a man at her feet, trembled like a leaf in the wind, her features worked convulsively, and she seemed suffocating.

Faintly, gasping, but with distinctness, Dubose replied: "You are mistaken. Nannine was standing by my side, and I was thrown upon me but my own when the leopard attacked me, Nannine would not harm me. Let her go."

They understood him and released her, but shook their heads. Exhausted by the effort of speaking, he sank into a swoon. Nannine, with a shriek, fell upon her knees beside him, crying:

"No! No! Alphonse. You are too good! Your forgiveness overwhelms me. I am a wretch. I did it, oh, yes I did it, and I should die for it. My God! Would I not have died? Did I not mean to? I was so sure of it. But oh, Alphonse! Could you give me my remorse; to see you so, and know it is my accursed work. My God! I shall go mad. Wretch that I am!"

"If you don't want to finish this man up at once, you will stop this excitement around him; stand back and give him a chance to breathe," interposed the surgeon, a gruff but skillful man called in from the auditorium.

Nannine moved aside, sobbing, and no one sought to restrain her. All lost sight of her. After some deliberation, the surgeon announced that Dubose's injuries were not serious, but only superficial, and in two or three months he would be as good as new, but he would need careful nursing.

At that Nannine came forward again, leading Babette by the hand, and said to Alphonse: "I bring her to you as my only mate. I am not worthy to nurse you. Farewell. May you be as happy together as I deserve to be wretched alone."

She rushed out, and we saw no more of her. Dubose recovered and married Babette.

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A FAMILY MATTER.

BY ERNEST JARROLD.

"As we cannot get along together without quarreling," said Jack Manly as he arose from the breakfast table, "we had better not speak."

"Just as you please, sir," said his wife, with a bright spot on each cheek and an angry glint in her eyes. Jack buttoned his overcoat and slammed the door viciously behind him. Thus began the most miserable days the young couple had ever known. Jack Manly was a dry goods clerk in the village of B— He had been married for three years and loved his wife devotedly, but had contracted a habit of passing his evenings away from home. Mollie had borne her husband's neglect bravely for a time. Then she lost patience and childlike his. Hence the quarrel. It was the first serious rupture that had occurred in their married life.

"Mollie will have to give in before I do," said Jack to himself as he walked quickly along in the direction of the store, while the snowcracked under his feet. "Of course I'll forgive her as soon as she opens her mouth, but she began the quarrel, and she must finish it. There's nothing like impressing a woman with your strength of character. A brief lesson in the virtue of silence will do Mollie good."

This reasoning was sufficient to sustain Jack during the day, when his work kept him from deeper reflection, but when the time for closing the store came and his thoughts turned toward the usual cheer and sympathetic words awaiting him at home from his "little woman"—as he lovingly called his wife—affairs began to assume a different aspect. Besides, Jack reflected, New Year's day was only a few hours distant. He had calculated on making a few resolutions. A most cursory re-

view of the past year showed him plenty of room for improvement. Silence might be golden in the spelling book, but Jack found it would be impossible to have his wife's assistance in carrying out his resolve unless he broke it. His heart leaped within him as he drew near to his home and saw the welcome light in the window.

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occurred to him which almost made him laugh outright. Ten minutes later he was sound asleep.

It was 8 o'clock on New Year's eve. Jack stood at a florist's counter. Said he: "Be sure and deliver that box at my house between 11:30 and 12 o'clock."

"All right, sir," replied the florist. Jack did not leave the house as usual after supper that night. He put his slipper feet on the fender and tried to read a book. Mollie's lips were still sealed. He could hear her in the parlor playing with uncertain and diffident touch, recalled the piano. How slowly the fag end of the old year drifted away into the eternities! What was that tune Mollie was playing? Oh, yes, he recognized it. Frightened with the memories of his courtship days, it came floating into the sitting room replete with tender emotion. Mollie did not sing, but the music needed no vocal expression to interpret itself to Jack.

It was getting to be unbearable. Jack jumped up, muttering, "I'll be hanged if the little woman isn't smarter than I thought she was. Confound that boy! Will he ever come?"

He went to the window and looked out. The stars were shining brightly. The old year was dying, and the new was dawning. The door bell was pulled violently. Jack tiptoed to the foot of the stairs. He heard the door open and his wife say, while his heart beat a tattoo against his ribs:

"For me, did you say?"

"Yes, if you mean Mr. Manly." Mollie looked at it curiously. Then she cut the string which bound the cover and peeping inside saw a tiny white dove with outspread wings as if flying on a message of love. In its little beak was a New Year's card shaped like an olive leaf, decorated with cupids, and on the card was written in her husband's handwriting:

Silence may be golden, but your silver speech is preferable to me.

Jack heard a feminine ejaculation of delight, followed by the sound of a dress trailing on the staircase. As Mollie reached the foot of the stairs Jack caught her with open arms. She raised her face to his and opened her lips to speak, but Jack prevented her from uttering a sound. Just then the village church bell with muffled toll broke the silence in a requiem for the old year.

NEW YEAR'S AMONG THE GREEKS.

A Season of General Rejoicing and Gift Making—Some Ancient Customs.

Among the Greeks, which means all those who belong to the orthodox Greek church, among which are the Russians, Bulgarians and Hellenic Greeks, Christmas is a solemn religious ceremony at which there is no merry-making nor social pleasure, but New Year's day is observed as a day of general rejoicing.

New Year's among them is what Christmas is to us. Wives, and husbands, and children give their parents and husbands various articles of their own handiwork, generally a very elegantly embroidered tobacco pouch, or something of that sort. But the father of a family, however poor he may be, must give his wife and children a present of some kind, which is given the children in a little earthen pot and kept, so that that when a child is grown there is a snug little sum for his start in life. The giving of money is obligatory, and no mat-

ter how many months the head of the family may be getting together his presents, he must do it.

There are few toys bought, and those few are of the cheapest, most perishable kind. The day before New Year's the streets are lined with little booths, where toys, dried fruits and candies are sold, and they drive a thriving trade. There is a watch service in the church, where nearly all the family go—the men down stairs and the women in the gallery, which is shut from view by close lattice work. After the service is over, the people return to the head of the family to break a pomegranate on the floor to insure good fortune and health, and then the family gather round a table, upon which are nuts of every kind, candied fruits, figs, dates and raisins. Some nuts are thrown into each of the four corners of the room to blind the evil one, and then everybody eats some of each article on the table.

CHINESE AS DISHWASHERS

CHINKS MAKE GOOD GENERAL SERVANTS.

Hard Working, Fairly Reliable and a Great Hand at Saving.

Douglas Knicker, who spent a number of years in China, and is thoroughly familiar with all the ways of the wily Chinese, writes an interesting article to the Empire Review on "The Chinaman at Home and Abroad."

The majority of writers on Chinese servants refer to them at home, where the supply of workers is in excess of the demand for them, as being practically unlimited. In China, therefore, it is possible to obtain as good a servant as can be made of a Chinese. One should, however, study the Chinaman, not only under home influence, but he has engaged himself in service in a foreign land.

The widely spread nature of the Chinese invasion into other lands is well known. Many occupations attract him. He particularly appreciates the freedom he enjoys under British rule.

THE CHINAMAN AT HOME.

The usual plan of getting a Chinese servant is through a native of known position, who will guarantee the character. A preliminary interview is, of course, necessary; so, in their very best clothes, such as we have seen again, as they probably borrowed, the candidates will be introduced to the new master. One very highly recommended will appear, and if he is definitely rejected will be succeeded by another, all having a bundle of characters from former masters; for a servant's ways remain the same, and it is generally given him whether he be good or bad to save the worry and unpleasant consequences of a refusal. Key offer for inspection many sheets of note paper—some very dirty and tracked—embossed, possibly, with the arms of a legation, and some with a signature that may be historic or utterly unknown. They can be hired at various prices. One candidate, for instance, produced a testimonial given by a late Governor of Hong Kong to his cook, and though his appearance was uninviting, the little governor's cook had no seductive sound that he was given the recommendation.

Registry offices and advertisements going at present unknown, a newly arrived Briton has no alternative, and though there are disadvantages connected with the method, it seems satisfactory, on the whole, to accept those whom the first boy recommends. In a large establishment the head boy is entrusted with the entire management and responsibility of the household, and his duties are dignified and superior. The water cooler is the man who carries water to the bedrooms, and is very lavishly paid for his services. If his master expresses objections to his indiscriminate irrigation the man will probably grin and be silent, or repeat "Yes" and "No" alternately as a means of appeasing the wrath he has invoked, these being the only words he knows of the language he thinks is English. A master commits several errors in this case.

TO GET BEST RESULTS.

To get the maximum amount of work out of the Chinese one must remember that the fewer novelties they have to contend with the more likely they are to produce a fair result. The method of managing Chinese through a head boy is one to which the race is accustomed. From the lowest to the highest in the land, lower is held responsible to higher. This responsibility of the higher for the actions of the lower gives the inferior a great deal of confidence in his superior. In family life all the children and their parents are under the authority of the grandfather while to lives, who has not only financial control, but also absolute power of life and death. In the matter of terminating his opportunities the native is no fool, for he belongs to a race which consists of the finest business men in the world. The integrity of the Chinese merchant is a proverb in the west, and he is contrasted with other nations in this particular. No great amount of belief need be placed in the honesty of the Chinese—honesty, that is, as we idealize it, for it is largely founded on policy. A Chinese in England may be sure to give you a proverb to the point. The Chinese look ahead, and are slow to act and never in a hurry.

Yet Chinese honesty may be deceived by those to whom they owe their own staff as honorable types. A Chinese servant is generally cheerful, although he may look solemn and serious, and seldom grumbles at extra work from the kind he usually performs. Tell a Chinese to tell him to do it in a particular way and he will very likely do it, not in that way, but in one that he considers equally good. Employers of endurance for continued labor though they do not perform as much work as a European in one day. One white man would be worth five Chinese, not because the Chinese will not work continuously.

They are not quarrelsome. Their cleanliness is less than that of an English maid, but they have a careful mistress. Drink has a great attraction for Chinese and nearly all are apt to get drunk if they can.

THE CHINAMAN ABROAD.

The western, and especially the British law, is a joy to the heart of the Chinese, who seem to find out its weak spots, and revel in the assumption that until a man is proved guilty he is considered honest. They will stand true to each other, and it is almost impossible to get one of the Chinese to inform on another, even his assailant. It requires some ingenuity to estimate the restraining influence at work which will prevent a bad Chinese from lying if inclined that way. There is no known oath

that will bind a Chinese to speak the truth. When abroad the Chinese man's general attitude manifests itself to a marked degree. He is rapidly beating the European at money making, and it is said that Singapore is probably as much owned by Chinese as Calcutta is by the Parsees.

WITH THE SCIENTISTS.

The Moon Is Populated—Water and Life.

Prof. Lapworth, regarding the moon with a geologist's eye, and convinced that it is an active and living world.

Tincture of iodine is valuable for sterilizing water; four drops in a carafe of water is sufficient to render the liquid fit for drinking purposes within half an hour.

Water plays an important part in both the excrement and the internal chemistry of life. It forms more than half the weight of most living things; and all the activity of living parts of animals, and plants consisting of water holding the other ingredients in solution or suspension.

Thiufan's diamond expert recently, during a lecture, showed radium glowing through a glass tube, a rubber tube, a piece of lead pipe, a wire of iron pipe, the water, the wonder, and a jar of water, the wonderful substance apparently shining as clearly through all of these substances at once as it did through any one of them.

With the methods now in use sever-tenths of the force in coal is wasted. A few years ago the waste was nine-tenths. Mr. Edixon declares that a bucketful of coal should drive an express train from New York to Philadelphia, and a few tons be sufficient for the largest ocean steam ship, whose bunkers must now hold thousands.

That the microbes which cause tubercular consumption, if incorporated in cheese, as they necessarily are when the milk contains them, are killed by the ripening of the cheese is proved by exhaustive investigation. An American student finds the microbes continue to live and retain the capability of growing in cheese for three months, but are dead in cheese which has been curing for a longer period.

Chemists have shown that ability to fix the nitrogen, which is infinitely abundant in the air, and apply it to the wornout fields of the world will enable mankind to cultivate what is practically virgin soil forever. A plant at Niagara Falls is taking nitrogen from the air by electrolysis, but not yet in commercial quantity.

THE AVERAGE BABY.

The average baby is a good baby—cheerful, smiling and bright. When he is cross and fretful it is because he is unwell and he is taking the only means he has to let everybody know he does not feel right. When baby is cross, restless and sleepless, don't dose him with "soothing" stuffs. Baby's Own Tablets are what is needed to put the little one right. Give a cross baby an occasional tablet and see how quickly he will be transformed into a bright, smiling, cooing, happy child. He will sleep at night, and the mother will get her rest too. You have a guarantee that Baby's Own Tablets contain not one particle of opium, or other harmful drug. In all the minor ailments from birth up to ten or twelve years there is nothing to equal the Tablets. Mrs. W. B. Anderson, Goulais River, Ont., says: "My little boy was very cross and fretful and we got no rest with him until we began using Baby's Own Tablets. Since then baby rests well and he is now a fat, healthy boy."

You can get the Tablets from any druggist, or they will be sent by mail at 25 cents a box by writing direct to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

GLADSTONE WAS FLOGGED.

Headmaster at Eton Did Not Believe in Sparring the Rod.

Dr. Keate, the headmaster of Eton, who had on one occasion flogged over 80 boys in a single day, at the mellow close of his life expressed his regret that he had flogged so few, says Mr. Morley in his "Life of Gladstone." Among his innumerable victims was Gladstone, but for an offence as meritorious in itself as it was odious to Keate.

"The reason why I was flogged was this," said the Grand Old Man. "I was praeposter of the remove on a certain day, and from kindness or good nature I decided to omit from the list of boys against whom the master had complained, and who ought to have been flogged the next day, the names of three offenders. The three boys in question got round me with a story that their friends were coming down to Eton to see them, and that if they were put down on the flogging list they could not meet their friends."

"Next day when I went into the school, the master roared into a voice of thunder, 'Gladstone is put down your own name on the list of boys to be flogged.'"

Mr. Gladstone on this occasion told another tale of this worthy's "humor."

One day he called out to the praeposter, "Write down Hamilton's name to be flogged for breaking my window." "I never broke your window," said the praeposter. "Praeposter," retorted the master, "write down Hamilton's name for breaking my window and lying." "Upon my soul, sir, I did not do it," ejaculated the boy, with increased emphasis. "Praeposter," wrote down Hamilton's name for breaking my window, lying, and so on. "Against this final sentence there was no appeal, and accordingly, Hamilton was flogged (I believe unjustly) the next day."

A woman is seldom able to see the fault in her husband's jokes.

CURIOSITIES OF CUT GLASS.

The process of glass cutting requires great skill and care. A design is first lightly copied on the glass and the cutters take it in hand. A fine stream of sand and water falls continuously on a rapidly revolving steel wheel. To this the glass is applied and the cutting is fully accomplished by the friction which the sand sets up. Then another workman with another steel wheel and plain water begins the cutting up to a sharper edge. A third workman with a soft wooden tool takes off the cloudiness caused by the friction of the steel, a fourth polishes the glass, a fifth with a preparation of oxide of iron gives it that iridescent lustre which makes us value cut glass so highly.

NOT A TWINGE IN HIS BODY

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS CURED W. J. DIXON'S RHEUMATISM.

He was Crippled for Weeks Before he Tried the Great Kidney Remedy—How the Cure was Effected.

Barwick, Rainy River, Ont., Dec. 28.—(Special).—The cold, wet weather, with its accompaniment of Rheumatic pains has set the people here talking of the case of Mr. John Dixon. Mr. Dixon, who is well known in this neighborhood, was a cripple from Rheumatism. To-day he has not a twinge of his old enemy anywhere in his body, and he gives all the credit to Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"I had an attack of Typhoid Fever," Mr. Dixon says in speaking of his cure, "and after I got over it, Rheumatism set in. I had pains in my back and in my right hip so bad I had to use a stick to walk. I had no comfort in sleeping and could not move than dress or undress myself for two months. For three or four weeks I could not put my right leg on my left knee."

"On my brother's advice I started using Dodd's Kidney Pills, and after taking three boxes I began to walk around and do my work as usual. I am all right now, and Dodd's Kidney Pills did it."

Rheumatism is caused by uric acid in the blood. The natural way to cure it is to get the uric acid out of the blood. If the kidneys are sound they will take all the uric acid out of the blood. Dodd's Kidney Pills make the kidneys sound.

GAS MINE IN ENGLAND.

Enough In It to Light the Whole of England.

About a quarter of a century ago some borings for water were made in a Sussex village. No water was obtained, but there was a powerful smell of gas. No notice was taken of this, and the existence of immense stores of natural gas was unsuspected till four or five years ago, when fresh borings were made for water.

Noticing a strong smell of gas from one of the borings, one of the workers placed a light near it, with the result that a great flame of fire shot upwards, and was with difficulty extinguished.

This discovery led to the formation of a syndicate to bore for gas, and the result is proving eminently successful. Already two small railway stations have been lighted experimentally with this so-called marsh gas, and they have attracted the inhabitants of surrounding villages to see the effect of this gas, which rises "ready made" from the earth.

The well which has been sunk is yielding enough gas to supply a large part of the south of England, and it is calculated that it issues from the depths of the earth at a pressure of 200 lbs. to the inch, which is sufficient to send it a long way through the pipes for use in distant cities. The lower strata of earth are saturated with petroleum, which creates the gas.

The syndicate working this gas is of opinion that there is enough in it to light the whole of England, and the supply appears to be inexhaustible. This would mean a tremendous reduction in the consumption of coal, and would remove anxiety as to how long our coal supply will last.

HOW SHELLFISH TALK.

Warn One Another of Danger by Clicking Sounds.

Most seamen will tell of curious clicking sounds heard on calm nights at sea, and the origin of the noise seems altogether unaccountable that it has often created some alarm among superstitious fishermen.

A distinguished naturalist made a careful study of the sounds on many occasions, and found that it was not sustained, but made up of a multitude of tiny ones, each clear and distinct in itself, and ranging from a high creak down to a bass.

Most people think too lightly of a cough. It is a serious matter and needs prompt attention.

Take

Shiloh's Consumption Cure The Lung Tonic

when the first sign of a cough or cold appears. It will cure you easily and quickly then—later it will be harder to cure.

Prices 25c., 50c. and \$1.00

S. C. WELLS & CO. Toronto, Can. LeRoy, N.Y.



There are very few cleaning operations in which Sunlight Soap cannot be used to advantage. It makes the home bright and clean.

When the car was applied to the gunwale of the boat, the sound grew more intense, and in some places, as the boat moved on, it could not be heard at all.

On other occasions the sounds resembled the tolling of bells, the booming of guns, and the notes of an Aeolian harp.

For a long time he was unable to trace the cause, but at length discovered that the sounds were made by shellfish, hundreds of them opening their shells and closing them with sharp snaps. The noise, partly muffled by the water, sounded indescribably weird. He was finally led to the conclusion that, as the shellfish made the sounds, they probably had some meaning, and that the clicks might possibly be a warning of danger when the shallow water was disturbed by the boat.

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New Year's resolutions are so often made that they are cheap loaves by cheap critics as to create the impression that such resolutions are never kept and never ought to be made. The criticism is unjust. It is logic in fact, its effect pernicious. A recent preacher brought out the true idea in a sermon upon Peter's pledge of devotion to his master, even though all others should desert him. Simon did not yield to temptation because of his earnest assurance, but in spite of it. It had been said that hell was paved with good resolutions. If that was true it was certainly the best thing about the place. We must resolve before we do. Right resolutions sincerely made are a help to right character, even if by districts of opposing forces some of them are not kept. Peter's faith did not finally fail, and very likely he had more faith and more strength because he failed once and so learned his weak point. It is a good thing, then, with the thoughtfulness belonging to the outlook of a new year, to destroy old habits and declare that we will be true to our lives. Making the resolve, not lightly or boastfully, but seriously and expecting the Divine help, we shall succeed in part if not in full. He whom we call Master and Lord is praying for us that our faith fail not. The man who resolved and failed and tried again became a stronger man. What wrote to his brethren in the first century was doubtless an echo of his own experience, and it will be fulfilled, even to the twentieth century: "After we have suffered awhile God will make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you."

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From Our Correspondent.

Mrs. C. S. Bowerman is away on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Osborne, of Marysville.
Mrs. Mark Anderson, who has been ill for some time, is reported better.
Mr. E. D. McConnell, of Bancroft, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wagar on Sunday last.
Miss Retta Edwards is home for the holidays.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parr spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McKee.
Mr. and Mrs. Walton Anderson, of Brighton, are spending the holidays with their parents.
Mr. Norman Green and family are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Green.
Mrs. McConnell and family of Anson, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wagar on Monday evening, and presented them with a bed room suite, which was a genuine surprise to them.

Halloway

From Our Correspondent.

The annual Xmas tree for the S. S., held on Dec. 23rd, was a success in every way. A good programme was well rendered, reflecting much credit on those who trained the scholars. Proceeds amounted to \$23.65.
The dividend paid by the Eclipse factory this year was \$24.90, and this amount is above all expense.
On Saturday night the house recently occupied by Geo. Stewart of the 7th con. of Sidney, was completely destroyed by fire. Mr. B. Hamilton, who intended moving in soon, had a stove running to keep the frost from the cellar, and it is supposed that the fire started from it.
On Wednesday previous to this the house of S. B. Robin was burned. Immediate help was given, and much of the furnishings were saved.
Mr. Bert Turner of Marlette, Mich., is visiting friends and relatives here.

Chatterton Chips

From Our Own Correspondent.

On Wednesday, the 16th inst., S. B. Robin's house was seen to be on fire while the family were at dinner. The neighbors came at once, and succeeded in removing nearly everything from the front part of the house, but with the headway the fire had got when discovered, and the scarcity of water it was impossible to save the building. We understand there was \$800 insurance. They have the sympathy of the neighborhood.
On the Saturday evening following the house on the old Keith farm, in the 7th con., and lately occupied by Geo. Stewart, was burned to the ground. It was unoccupied, but Burley Hamilton, who had the place leased, had a fire in it to protect the cigars.
There is an agitation on to change the Eclipse cheese factory from a patron's factory to a joint-stock company.
This seems to be the hardest December we ever remember—a foot or more of snow, and the thermometer down to 10, 12, and even 15 below zero, and turkeys up to 28c. per lb. "Wouldn't that chill you?"

Foxboro Notes

From Our Own Correspondent.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wickett, of White Pigeon, Mich., are visiting friends in our midst.
Mr. Richard Clarke, who has been in Brandon for the past three years, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Clarke.
Mr. E. A. Ward, of Winnipeg, a former Foxboro boy, is renewing old acquaintances.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Prentiss and Miss Lena Gowsell spent a few days visiting their sister, Mrs. J. F. Bragg at Avonmore.
Mrs. Richard Wickett is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Ashley, at Grand Rapids, Mich.
Miss Lucile Hubble of the Ritchie Co., spent Christmas with Mrs. Leona Hubble.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thompson, of Belleville, spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. Barrager.
The little infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Van Allen fell on the hot stove, burning both hands severely.
Mrs. Andrew Benedict has been confined to the bed for over a week with ulcers on her eye.
Mr. J. Bryant is confined to the house with a severe cold.
The Christmas tree in connection with the Methodist Sunday School was a very successful affair, considering the stormy night. The programme was excellent, and the trees looked fine loaded with the beautiful presents.
The tea meeting in the Presbyterian Church was a grand success. The proceeds amounted to about \$300. The crowd was very large, quite a number being obliged to go away, as they could not get in.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Peake and two children from Campbellford spent Xmas with Mrs. Sarah Adams.
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Holgate ate their Christmas dinner with their son, Bidwell, and his wife in Trenton.
Mr. Geo. Thompson, of Watertown, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Thompson.
Mr. and Mrs. Tremaine and daughter, of Peterboro, spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. Miles Palmer.

The Pekin correspondent of the Times says the Japanese preparations for war are probably the most complete and detailed the world has ever seen.
Hon. A. G. Blair has resigned his seat for St. John, and his appointment as Chairman of the Railway Commission will shortly be announced.
Iron manufacturers interviewed the Minister of Finance at Ottawa in regard to higher protection, claiming that American iron in various forms was being dumped in Canada.
Mr. E. A. Dunlop's majority in North Renfrew is said to be 602, involving a turn over of many votes since the last election. Mr. Hale, the defeated Liberal candidate, admits that the long disfranchisement of the constituency had a good deal to do with the result.

Stilt Walking is Ancient.
Strange stilt acts are those used by Japanese and Chinese boys. Instead of having side blocks, like the American boys, they have foot rests mortised on the stilt and projecting backward. These stilt acts can only be used where the Japanese boys' feet are bare, for the stilt stick must be grasped between the first and second toe of each foot.
Spanish boys are great stilt walkers, and they invariably use sticks that reach to the hips and are strongly bound there as well as at the ankles.
In some of the islands of the south Pacific ocean very rough sport is engaged in by boys on stilts. Perched high on their thin support and with their faces and skins grotesquely painted, these semisavage lads, sometimes as many as twenty at a time, meet and try to trip each other up or knock each other down.
Like most sports and games stilt walking is of very ancient origin. Cut in the stone which forms one of the oldest Pharaoh's tomb there is a crude picture of a man leading a procession and walking on stilts. This ancient stilt walker must have been very skillful, for he is holding no side sticks, but is using both hands in holding a great horn to his mouth, which he is apparently blowing.

Kings and Handicrafts.
George III., when not engaged in performing the operations which had so much to do in gaining for him the popular nickname of "Farmer George," amused himself at one period of his long life with the making of buttons and attained a very respectable degree of skill in the manufacture of the different varieties then most in fashion.
George IV., his son and successor, affected another sort of unkingly distraction for idle hours and particularly prided himself on the perfection with which he could "cut out" a pair of breeches. Outside the glorified ranks of the fashionable outfitters of the day, the Stultzes, the Meyers, the Schweiters and Dandrons, only Beau Brummel was thought to be his rival at the shears, but for elegance and accuracy and style the king considered himself the Beau's undoubted superior. The unfortunate Louis XI. was an expert locksmith, with a general turn for mechanics, and spent whole days in his forge, as did one of his predecessors on the throne of France, Louis XIII.

The Story of a Vision.
A Scottish newspaper prints the following "remarkable and dreadful experience," which a correspondent says he heard from the lips of a fellow passenger, a member of parliament. This man had left home early in the morning, traveled about a hundred miles by rail and put up at a village hotel. Feeling fatigued, he retired to his bedroom at an early hour. He was in the act of undressing when there appeared to him what was evidently the ghost of his four-year-old son arrayed in the vestments of the tomb. A conviction that his son, whom he had left in the morning in perfect health, was dead urged him to drive to the nearest station in time to catch a train that passed at midnight. On reaching home early next morning he found that his boy had died about the time the vision had appeared to him.

What He Spoke About.
Dean Hole in impressing clergymen with the necessity of making themselves understood by their congregations often cited as a horrible example a famous classical scholar who thus addressed a handful of farm laborers in a country mission room: "In this beautiful country, my brethren, you have the apotheosis of nature and an apodiktosis of theropatric omnipotence." The dean was not surprised when he asked one of the flock what it was about to be answered, "It was about an hour and a half."

The Only Way.
Mrs. Subbubs—We must give a dinner party, dear. That's all there is about it.
Mr. Subbubs—Why, we haven't any excuse for giving anybody a dinner party.
Mrs. Subbubs—Yes, I have. It will give me a chance to borrow back the fine dishes I loaned to Miss Nixdore when she gave her dinner party three months ago.

Change in Simple.
"There isn't so much doctoring with simples as there used to be."
"Oh, yes! More."
"Eh?"
"The difference is that the simples were formerly the remedies, whereas now they are the patients."

Reassuring Him.
Mr. Newcomb—I was so glad to meet you. I didn't think she was so—er—exceedingly stout.
Miss Wantaman—Oh, yes. But I'm sure I'll never grow to be like her. I take after papa, you know.

Tobacco in Japan.
Tobacco is both cultivated and consumed on a large scale in Japan. The plant was introduced by the Portuguese in the seventeenth century, and the trade in it is a government monopoly. Tobacco is almost universally used in a small pipe.

Banyan Trees.
Banyan trees are remarkable for the fact that their branches drop down to the ground and take root as separate stems.

Dancing in Ancient Religion.
In ancient religion dancing came to be one of the chief acts of worship. Religious processions went with song and dance to the Egyptian temples, and Plato said that all dancing ought to be thus an act of religion.

Vegetables.
Among those vegetables containing the largest per cent of starch may be mentioned potatoes, beans, corn, peas, carrots, beets, turnips and parsnips. The pungent vegetable foods, as leeks, onions, garlics, horseradish, etc., increase the saliva and the gastric juices, acting somewhat on the kidneys.

Thief in a Church.
At Colongue recently a thief chased by the police took refuge in a church and, kneeling before the altar, claimed sanctuary after the medieval fashion. The police arrested him all the same.

Goats and Disease.
Superstitions die hard. Among old fashioned cattlemen in Virginia goats are held to be a preventive of disease. In Lincolnshire, England, it is common to keep a goat on the ground that it is "healthy for cattle." In Cambridge, England, goats are believed to be a preventive of smallpox.

Cotton Goods.
The world uses \$500,000,000 worth of cotton goods in a year.

Suicide Statistics.
According to suicide statistics in this country, the favorite age is between thirty and forty, married people being in the majority. Monday, between 9 and 12 p. m., is the day on which most suicides take place.

Greek and English.
There is less difference between the ancient and the modern Greek tongue than between Chaucer's English and the English of today.

Tree Within a Tree.
At Moulton, South Lincolnshire, England, there is a willow tree which in consequence of having been beheaded and having reached an old age has become hollow and rotten. From a seed which has dropped into the hollow a healthy sycamore tree has grown to a height of ten feet.

Great Britain's Poor.
Great Britain spends \$112,500,000 a year on the support of the poor. This does not include private charities.

Notice to Creditors

In the matter of the Estate of JOHN THOMAS BATEMAN, late of the Township of Rawdon, in the County of Hastings, farmer, deceased.
Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario 1897, Chap. 129, Sec. 38 and amending Acts, to all creditors or other persons having claims against the estate of John Thomas Bateman, late of the Township of Rawdon, in the County of Hastings, who died on or about the 25th day of November, A. D. 1905, to send by mail, post paid, or otherwise deliver to Annie Bateman, of the Township of Rawdon, Spring Brook, P. O., Administratrix of the late John Thomas Bateman, on or before the 23rd day of January, A. D. 1906, a statement in writing of their claims and demands, and full particulars of their claims or demands, and the nature of the security (if any) held by them.
And notice is further given that after the date mentioned above the said Administratrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims notice of which shall have been given as required.
All persons indebted to the estate of the said deceased are also hereby notified to hand in the amount of their indebtedness on or before the said 23rd day of January, 1906, to the said Administratrix.

J. EARL HALLIWELL,
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RAILWAY TIME TABLE.
Trains call at Stirling station as follows:
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The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1903.

LOCAL MATTERS.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

Mr. E. F. Parker has been appointed
Issuer of Marriage Licenses.

Better to-day than yesterday—The
Toronto News—daily by mail \$1.00 a
year. Write for clubbing offers.

The candidates for Councilors for the
village of Stirling are:—W. R. Mather,
L. Meiklejohn, A. L. Hough, Sylvanus
Wright, and Dr. Zwick.

Snag-proof Rubbers, warranted, at J. W.
Brown's.

In Sidney township Mr. Stanley
Vandervoort was elected Reeve. We
understand there are six candidates in
the field for Councilors.

Mr. A. E. Tweedie wishes to state
that he is not a candidate for Councilor
for the village of Stirling, and desires
his friends not to vote for him.

The Intelligencer says: "The writ
to hold an election in No. 4 Division of
the County Council to fill the place of
the late Mr. F. B. Parker, has been issued
by the Warden."

Winter Footwear at small cost, at J. W.
Brown's.

Do not miss the Presbyterian S. S.
entertainment on New Year's evening
in the Music Hall. A full programme
has been prepared, and it will be a treat
you'll not get again till we come next year.

When your morning paper is costing
you \$3.00 or \$4.00 a year, you are pay-
ing pretty heavily for the privilege of
reading yesterday's news. You can get
the news down to the last minute in
The Toronto News, \$1.00 will bring
you The News daily by mail for one
year. Write for clubbing offers.

BOARDERS WANTED.—Mrs. G. L.
Scott, Stirling.

Mr. W. P. Chard, who has represented
the Singer Manufacturing Co. at
Stirling for about two years, has re-
ceived the appointment as sales man-
ager at Lindsay, in place of Mr. Hore.
Mr. Chard will likely re-
move to Lindsay early in the spring.

The entertainment given by the Meth-
odist Sunday School on Christmas night
attracted a full house, and passed off
very creditably to all concerned. The
drill by the young ladies of the school
was much admired by all, showing
much skill and careful training under
the supervision of Lieut. Green. The
proceeds amounted to \$60.

The anniversary services in connection
with Spring Brook Methodist
Church will be held on Sunday and
Monday, January 10th and 11th, 1904.
Rev. C. Parker, of Norwood, will
preach on Sunday at 10.30 a.m., and
7.30 p.m. At 3 p.m., a mass meeting of
children will be addressed by Mr. Par-
ker. On Monday a splendid supper
will be served in the Forester's Hall,
commencing at 5 o'clock p.m. At 8 a
platform meeting will be held in the
Church, at which a special musical
programme will be presented, and Rev.
Mr. Parker will deliver a lecture on
Reil Rebellion of 1885. Mr. Parker
was a missionary at Prince Albert at
that time, and will tell some thrilling
experiences.

We think no one will dispute the fact
that we are having old-fashioned win-
ter weather. With the thermometer
hovering around anywhere from zero to
fifteen or twenty below it is not neces-
sary to ask "Is it cold enough for you?"
Prof. Stark of Toronto Observatory,
says: "The most marvelous thing about
the weather this season is the mild type
of it they are having away out in
the mountains. In Alberta to-
day it is about 40 or 50 above zero, and
they have had similarly mild weather
for six weeks. Even Manitoba has
been more temperate than usual this
winter. They have had weather, of
course, that would seem cold here, but
it is not so cold as they are used to.
Our cold waves have not been coming
from the North-West Territories, but
from Manitoba and the north, and have
been acquiring their greatest intensity
east of Manitoba."

Missionary Anniversary.
Missionary sermons will be preached
in the Methodist Church, Stirling, next
Sabbath by the Rev. W. B. Seccombe,
of Keene. He will also preach at Car-
mel in the afternoon.

A Grand Concert.
A grand concert will be given in the
Music Hall on Friday evening, Jan-
uary 1st, by Miss Marietta LaDell, B.E.,
a lady who is acknowledged to be Cana-
da's greatest elocutionist, and who de-
lighted the audience at an entertain-
ment given here over a year ago, and
Miss Lillian B. Stickle, soprano, soloist
of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton. Miss
Stickle is well and favorably known,
and we are sure her many friends
here will be delighted to hear her. It
is a strong combination, and they
should be greeted by a full house.
Keep the date in mind. Tickets 25c;
reserved seats 35c. Plan of hall at
Parker's drug store.

The Rev. J. C. Bell will commence
revival services at River Valley, on
Tuesday, Jan. 5th.

Morning papers report yesterday's
markets—The Toronto News to-day's
quotations. Which is worth more to
you? One dollar brings The News
daily by mail for one year. Write for
clubbing offers.

We learn that our old friend, Mr.
Jas. Whitton, the popular cheese buyer,
is again a candidate for Councilor for
the township of Rawdon. He was at
the head of the poll at a previous elec-
tion, and no doubt his friends will place
him there again.

What is the date of the next general
election? Few know; but all readers
of The Toronto News will get full and
fair reports of the campaign. The News
daily by mail \$1.00 a year. Write for
clubbing offers.

On Monday, Dec. 28th, Mr. George
Weymark, of the village of Havelock,
and Miss Clara Pressley, of the town-
ship of Rawdon, were united in the
bonds of wedlock in St. Mark's Church,
12th line of Rawdon, by the Incumbent,
Rev. Dr. Nimmo. The bride, who is
highly respected and well liked by all
classes of the community, was the re-
cipient of a large number of valuable
and appropriate gifts, while the friends
of the bridegroom, we are informed,
treated him in similarly handsome
manner. They carry with them the
best wishes of all their friends. The
wedding march was excellently rendered
by Miss McComb. The happy couple
after their trip to Windsor and Detroit,
will take up their future residence in
Havelock.

FOUND.—On Front St. West, on Wed-
nesday, a bunch of keys. The owner will
please call at this office.

In speaking of a concert held in
Hamilton last Monday night, the Ham-
ilton Spectator speaks of Miss Lillian B.
Stickle in the following manner:—
"Miss Stickle is well known to music
lovers, being one of the foremost singers
of the city. She has a sweet voice, ca-
pable of much delicate phrasing and
expression, which in combination with
rare singing powers and talent makes
her the finished artist that she is."

London Free Press:—Miss Lillian B.
Stickle, of Hamilton, won golden opin-
ions as the possessor of a soprano voice
of rare sweetness and flexibility. Her
voice showed to great advantage in the
two arias which formed her initial num-
bers, "I will extol Thee," and "With
Verdure Glad." Her closing solo was
Verne's "De Profundis," a trying num-
ber, which she gave with sympathetic
fervor.

Removal Notice.

Dr. C. F. Walt wishes to inform the
public that after Jan. 1st, 1904, he will
occupy, for dental purposes, the rooms
over Boldrick & Son's store, which were
recently vacated by Mr. J. E. Halli-
well. These rooms have been remodel-
led and refurnished, and the public will
find them models of convenience and
comfort.

Christmas Eve Wedding.

One of those very enjoyable social
events which frequently occur at Xmas
holidays, took place on Thursday, Dec.
24th, at the residence of the bride on
Station street, when Mr. Samuel Dan-
nan led to the altar Mrs. Mary Devolin,
of this city. The ceremony was per-
formed by the Rev. F. B. Stratton, in
the presence of the near relatives of the
bride, who was assisted by her sister,
Mrs. Easton, of Thorlow, while the
groom was supported by Mr. Easton.
The happy couple wended their way on
Christmas to the groom's residence at
Lvanhoe, where a reception and tea
awaited their coming, and where they
will settle in the near future. We wish
them bon voyage through life.—Ontario.

Address and Presentation.

On the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 18th,
the pupils of the Stockdale Public
School met together and the following
address was read by Miss May Smith to
Mr. F. A. Ashley, who has resigned his
position as teacher in that school:

DEAR TEACHER.—We, the pupils of
Stockdale Public School, take this oppor-
tunity of expressing our thanks for your
kindly interest in us during the past year.
We feel that we have been greatly ben-
efited in every way by your solemn warn-
ings, and as a slight token of the esteem
in which you are held by all, we ask you to
accept this Toilet Set, (which was present-
ed by Miss Jennie Johnson) not because of
its intrinsic value, but that it may partial-
ly express our recognition of your untiring
services.

Although we are very sorry to have you
leave us, yet we join in wishing you suc-
cess in your future field of labor, a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Signed by the School.
The Frankford Sabbath School on
Thursday, Dec. 24th, also presented
Mr. Ashley with a beautiful gold locket
set with pearls and opals, as a slight
recognition of his services and the inter-
est he had taken in the Sabbath School.

Hon. MacKenzie Bowell was eighty
years old on Dec. 27th.

Cordova and Marmora Presbyterian
churches are considering union.

The Provincial Legislature has been
called to meet on January 14th.

The Bay of Quinte Railway has com-
pleted its extension to Bannockburn,
and trains are now running regularly.

Mrs. R. J. Graham, wife of Mayor
Graham, of Belleville, was thrown from
a cutter on Friday evening last, and
had her collar bone broken.

In Thorlow township all the old
Council were re-elected by acclamation,
viz: N. Vermilyea, Reeve; W. C. Far-
ley, Geo. M. Caldwell, Daniel Poucher,
T. J. Hurley, Councilors.

The pupils of the Campbellford Pub-
lic School, held a concert for the Sick
Children's Hospital, Toronto. The
pupils of Madoc Model School contri-
buted \$17 to the same object.

Ayer's
Losing your hair? Coming
out by the comb? And
doing nothing? No sense in
that! Why don't you use
Ayer's Hair Vigor and
Hair Vigor
promptly stop the falling?
Your hair will begin to grow,
too, and all dandruff will dis-
appear. Could you reason-
ably expect anything better?
"Ayer's Hair Vigor is a great success with
me. My hair was falling out very badly, but
after using it a few bottles, it has all
grown again."—W. C. Leeson, Lindsay, Ont.
\$1.00 a bottle.
J. C. AYER & CO.,
Lowell, Mass.

Thin Hair
Seven thousand sheep were burned to
death in the East Buffalo stock yards.
The Liberals of North Renfrew will
protest Mr. Dunlop's election on charges
of bribery.
The evangelists, Crossley and Hunt-
er, will begin meetings in Picton on
Sunday, January 10th.
The Provincial Medical Health re-
port for November showed diphtheria
still prevalent in many parts of the
Province.
Thirty-two persons were killed and
twenty-nine injured in a collision on the
Pere Marquette Railway near East
Paris, Mich.
A report from the west indicates an
increase of 20 per cent, in the crop
acreage for next year, and Canada may
in 1904 begin to show great results from
the recent heavy immigration.

Routed by a Stork.
Five lions were successfully brought
into the presence of a stork in a mena-
gerie at Bonn, and each of them took to
ignominious flight when the stork bit
him with its beak and flapped its
wings.

Saxony's Industrial Schools.
In Saxony there is an industrial
school for every 14,641 inhabitants.

Children.
There are three classes of children,
according to the Home Science Maga-
zine, that teachers dread to receive—
namely, the only child, the youngest
child and the child raised by his grand-
mother.

Chinese Seamen.
Seamen on native river craft in Chi-
na get \$3 a month and on seagoing
Chinese vessels \$8. They furnish their
own food.

Tea In India.
The half million acres cultivated in
tea in India produce 100,000,000 pounds,
the investment being about \$100 an
acre. The labor required is thirteen
persons to the acre. One pound of In-
dia tea will produce seven and one-half
gallons of tea of a given strength,
while the tea of China will produce
but five gallons.

Discredited Natives.
In the government of their East In-
dian possessions the Dutch have a law
which provides that the testimony of
one white man shall be equal to that
of seven natives.

Ghosts.
According to the English theosophist,
C. W. Leadbeater, ghosts are classified
in seven types. These are: Thought
forms, elves, churchyard ghosts, astral
impressions, double of living man, an-
imal apparitions and the genuine ghost.

Sweden.
Of the inhabitants of Sweden nearly
four-fifths still live in the country.

Scotland's Acres.
Scotland has an area of 10,062,482
acres, of which 4,804,466 acres are un-
der cultivation. One hundred and
twenty persons own one-half of the
total area, and eighteen persons own
one-fourth of it. One-fourth of the
tenants hold five acres or less and
nearly one-third hold between five and
twenty acres.

Spectacles.
There has been considerable discus-
sion as to who invented spectacles and
who had the pleasure of wearing the
first pair. The honor is generally
awarded to an Italian named Salvino
Armato, who died in 1317.

The Oldest Trade Secrets.
The two oldest secret trade processes
now in existence are considered to be
the manufacture of Chinese red, or
vermillion, and the method of tanning
the hardest steel with gold and silver,
which seems to have been practiced
at Damascus ages ago and is known
only to the Syrian smiths and their
pupils even to this day.

NOTICE.
Having leased the late John A.
Joyce's Blacksmith stand for a term
of years, I am now prepared to do all
kinds of Blacksmith Work. Solicit-
ing a call from all of my old customers
and as many new ones as can see fit
to do so.
N. LANKTREE.
P.S.—A full line of Cutters, Cream
Separators, and all kinds of MASSEY-
HARRIS Farm Implements on hand.
LANKTREE & FRENCH, Agents,
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A number of Fancy Table Spreads,
in Chenille, Tapestry, Hemp and Red
Damask. There are some beautiful
patterns and colors amongst them and
at prices to suit any purse.

One pair Chenille Curtains, regular
price, \$4.25, will clear them at \$2.25.
There is only one pair and only one
chance for the many who want them,
but first come, first served.

Fancy Silk Scarfs, Piano Drapes,
Cushion Tops, Pillow Shams, Stand
Covers, Side Board Scarfs, Doilies, etc.

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LINGS.**—In Table Linens we have
the very newest patterns, from 50c. to
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Heavy Union Table Linens from
25c. to 50c. yd.

Table Napkins to match all.

USEFUL PRESENTS.
You can have no idea of the display we
are making in BEAD CHAINS, TIES,
CUSHION TOPS, HANDKERCHIEFS,
etc., unless you come and look. To com-
pare it with previous offerings is out of
the question, for nothing like it has ever
previously been seen.

BEDROOM TOWELS.—We have something no one need be ashamed to
make for a New Year's or Wedding Present. Prices range from 15c. to \$1.50
pair. We ask you one and all to look at our large assortment of Fine Linens.

UNDERWEAR.—Ladies' Underwear this season has not closed with us
yet, nor is it too late for us to buy. Now our stock is just as complete as
ever, and when you are wanting any more Underclothing you find out where
to go first. For good values and right prices go to Montgomery's. You can
buy them there.

Men's Underclothing—Our goods talk for themselves and our stock is very
large and complete.

FANCY DISHES.—Our assortment is large and some very choice things
to choose from. This assortment is on our show table and balance will be
cleared out at less than cost to make room for new Spring Goods.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS.—Cardigan Jackets, Pea Jackets, Smocks, Over-
alls, Top Shirts, Socks, Mittens of all kinds, Fancy Vests, Tweed Pants, Cuffs,
Collars, Dress Shirts, Cuff and Collar Buttons, Braces, Ties, Caps, etc.

FLANNELETTES.—In quantity, quality and prices our assortment is one
of the best shown, and colors all guaranteed.

Flannelette Sheets in 10/4, 11/4, 12/4. Our prices will stun you when you
price them. Now is your time to buy.

HEAVY RUGS.—We have only six left which will be sold at a great
reduction. These must be sold to make room for New Spring Goods which
will arrive now shortly.

Two only, TIEDOWNS left. There will be a big bargain in them for some
one. Consider whether you want them and come first before they are gone.

GROCERIES.



A FEW OF OUR PRICES:
8 lbs. Rolled Oats, 25c.
7 lbs. Rolled Wheat, 25c.
2 cans Salmon, 25c.
31 lbs. Cleaned Currants, 25c.
3 lbs. Raisins, 25c.
3 lbs. Mixed Cakes, 25c.
McCormick's Biscuit, 25c.
Patterson's Biscuit, 25c.
Christie's Biscuit, 25c.
Banner Oats, 25c.
Oranges, per doz., 30c.
6 bars Comfort Soap, 25c.
6 lbs. Figs, 25c.
4 lbs. Dates, 25c.
3 lbs. Pure Lard, 25c.

BUYING GROCERIES.

Perhaps you think it makes no difference
where you buy Groceries. That Gro-
ceries are Groceries wherever you get
them. Well, that's true, but it makes all
the difference in the world where you get
them just the same. In three important
particulars you'll discover this difference:
price, quality and quantity. In all of
these respects we do just what is calcu-
lated, not only to attract your custom,
but to keep it.

Chase & Sanborn's Pure Coffee, our
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We don't want to forget a word about
our Green Tea at 25c. Don't forget to
get a sample. Nothing to compete with
our Black Tea at 30c. lb.

We are buying Dried Apples, Butter,
Eggs, Beans and Poultry of all kinds.
Bring them here.

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and How she Regained
Health and Strength.**

Mrs. John McLean, Flodden P.O., Que.,
says: "No one realizes how I suffered and
tortured for years with terrible pains in
the back and the back of my neck. In the
morning when I would get up my eyes
would be so swollen I could hardly see,
and I was troubled with dizziness, and the
doctor said it was kidney disease, and
I procured a bottle of the O. R. K. C., and before I finished it began
to improve. I have only taken four
bottles and feel like a new woman. I wish
I could tell every sufferer what a blessing
the O. R. K. C. has been to me."
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gists or by mail. Write for free book of
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ing the grandest display of Furs
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Columbian Coon, Wallaby, Bulgarian
Lamb, Siberian Buffalo, and all other
kinds.

Our HARNESSES and VEHICLES com-
mand your attention.

Come and see us.

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THURSDAY'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese, and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Wheat—The market for Ontario grades is unchanged. No. 2 white and mixed quoted at 77 to 77½c low freight, and No. 2 red winter at 76½c. No. 2 spring steady at 72 to 73c east, and No. 2 goosie at 70c. Manitoba wheat steady. At upper lake ports No. 1 Northern at 83½c. No. 1 hard nominal at 88½ to 89c lake ports. For grinding in transit quotations are 6c higher than above.

Oats—The market is quiet, with prices steady. No. 2 white quoted at 27 to 27½c west, at 27½c middle freight, and at 28½c low freight to New York. No. 1 white steady at 28½c east.

Barley—The market is quiet, with the prices steady. No. 2 quoted at 41 to 42c, middle freight; No. 3 extra at 39c, and No. 3 at 37c middle freight.

Poas—Trade is dull, and prices unchanged. No. 2 white quoted at 61 to 61½c west, and at 62c east.

Rye—The market is steady, with No. 2 quoted at 52c east or west.

Corn—The market is quiet, and prices unchanged. No. 2 old yellow American quoted at 54c on track, Toronto; No. 3 yellow, 53c; and No. 8 mixed at 52c Toronto; No. 3 new American yellow quoted at 50c on track, Toronto, and No. 3 mixed at 49c.

Buckwheat—The market is firm, with demand good. No. 2 quoted at 45 to 50c middle freight.

Flour—Ninety per cent. patents are steady at \$3.02½ middle freight, in buyers' sacks for export. Straight rollers of special brands for domestic trade quoted at \$3.40 to \$3.50. No. 1 patents, \$4.05 to \$4.15; No. 2 patents, \$4.35 to \$4.45, and strong bakers', \$4.25 to \$4.35 on track, Toronto.

Millfeed—Bran steady at \$16.50, and shorts at \$18.50 here. At outside points bran is quoted at \$14, and shorts at \$17 to \$17.50; Manitoba bran, in sacks, \$18, and shorts at \$20 here.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—The market is fairly active at unchanged prices. Choice stocks job at \$2 to \$2.50 per lb.

Beans—There is a limited trade, with prices steady. Prime beans are quoted at \$1.60 to \$1.70 per bush.

Dried apples—The demand is fair, with prices unchanged at 4½ to 5c per lb. Evaporated apples, 6c per lb.

Hops—The market is unchanged at 25 to 30c, according to quality.

Honey—The market is firm at 6½ to 7½c per lb. for bulk, and at \$1.25 to \$2 for comb.

Hay—The market is dull, with receipts only moderate. No. 1 timothy quoted at \$9 to \$9.50 on track, Toronto, and mixed at \$6.50 to \$7.

Straw—The market is quiet at \$5 to \$5.50 per ton for car lots on track.

Potatoes—Offerings continue light, and prices rule firm. Choice cars are quoted at 75 to 78c per bag on track here, and inferior quality at 65 to 70c per bag.

Poultry—The demand is good, and prices are firm. Turkeys are quoted at 14 to 15c per lb., and geese at 9 to 11c per lb.; ducks, 10 to 12c per lb., or \$1 to \$1.40 per pair; chickens, 10 to 11c per lb., or 80c to \$1.25 per pair; fowls, 7 to 9c per lb.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—The market is steady, with fair offerings. Demand steady for strictly choice parcels. Secondary grades are accumulating, and prices are being shaded to make sales. We quote:—Finest 1-lb. rolls, 17 to 18c; choice large rolls, 16 to 17c; selected dairy tubs, 16½ to 17½c; inferior to medium qualities, 13 to 15c; creamery prints unchanged, 21 to 22c; solids, 19 to 20c.

Eggs—Market still very firm. We quote:—New laid 30s; fresh, 23 to 25c; cold storage, 21 to 22c; lined, 20 to 21c.

Cheese—Market dull; very little trade doing. We quote:—Finest, 11 to 11½c; seconds, 10 to 10½c.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Dressed hogs are a little easier, with offerings increasing. Sales, \$6.40 to \$6.50, delivered here. Cured meats are steady with a fair demand. We quote:—Bacon, 13 to 14c; clear, 8½ to 9c in ton and case lots; mess pork, \$17; do., short cut, \$18.50 to \$19.

Smoked meats—Hams, light to medium, 12½ to 13c; do., heavy, 11½ to 12c; rolls, 10c; shoulders, 9½c; backs, 13½ to 14c; breakfast bacon, 13 to 13½c.

Lard—The market is quiet, with prices unchanged. We quote:—Tierce, 8½c; tubs, 8½c; pails, 8½c; compound, 8 to 9c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—The local markets are fairly active. There is no change in grain. Flour—The market is quiet and likely to continue so until the New Year. Butter is rather weak. Eggs are still in good demand, and the supply is small. The Provision Market is steady; the receipts of poultry were fair; prices unchanged.

72c; alfalfa here; rye, 63c east, 58c; alfalfa here; oats, No. 2, 34½ to 34½c in store; No. 2, 1c less; flaxseed, \$1.15 on track here; No. 3 barley, 50c. Flour—Manitoba patents, \$4.00 to \$4.05; seconds, \$4.30 to \$4.50; strong bakers', \$3.90 to \$4.00. Great variety of other grades, \$3.80 to \$4.15. In bags, \$1.85 to \$1.95; patents, \$4 to \$4.25; extra, \$1.65 to \$1.70; rolled oats, \$1.80 per bag; \$3.80 per bbl.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, Dec. 29.—Wheat—December, 79½c; May, 82½ to 83½c; July, 81½c on track, No. 1 hard, 82½c; No. 1 Northern, 81½c; No. 2 Northern, 79½c; No. 3 Northern, 79½c. Flour—First patents \$4.45 to \$4.50; second patents, \$4.30 to \$4.40; first clear, \$3.80 to \$3.90; second clear, \$3.80 to \$4.00. Bran—In bulk, \$13.75 to \$14.

Chicago, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Flour—Steady. Wheat—Spring dull; No. 1 Northern, 91c asked; winter, nothing doing. Corn—Firm; No. 2 yellow, 50½c; No. 2 corn, 48c. Oats—Good demand; unsettled; No. 2 white, 41½c; No. 2 mixed, 39½c. Rye—No. 51 to 55c c.i.f. in store. Rye—No. 1, 60c.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 29.—Wheat—Firm. No. 1 Northern, 85c; No. 2 Northern, 80 to 85c; May, 83½c. Rye—Firm; No. 1, 57c. Barley—Steady; No. 2, 63c; samples, 36 to 60c. Corn—Steady; No. 3, 40 to 45c; May, 44c.

STRIKE IN THE KOOTENAY.

Extensive Lead Discovered in the Sullivan Mine

A despatch from Nelson, B. C., says:—Word has been received here of a most important strike at the Sullivan Mine in East Kootenay. Work on this property has been carried on since its first discovery, nearly ten years ago, and scattered ore bodies, no continuous lead being discovered till last week, when in running a tunnel from the latest shaft, No. 5, at a depth of 160 feet, to connect with the older workings of the mine, a lead of galena thirty feet across, with clearly defined walls, was encountered. The lead in this lode runs 50 per cent. lead and twenty-five ounces silver, the highest average values which have yet been struck on the property. While the ore body is not all of the grade mentioned, yet the larger portion of it is, and all within the walls is of a marketable value. This discovery will place the Sullivan in the front rank among silver-lead mines, even the St. Eugene not having a lead of such size as this. It is believed that the various isolated bodies of ore which have been worked at the Sullivan from time to time, were offshoots from this big lead, which is one of the best strikes yet made in East Kootenay.

CONDEMNING CANADA.

Immigrants From Australia Say Winters Are Too Cold.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—Mr. J. S. Larke reports to the Department of Trade and Commerce that Canadian breadstuffs have obtained a strong footing in the Pacific Islands. The last steamer from Vancouver landed about 175 tons at Suva Fegi, and 106 tons of Manitoba flour were sold in the Sydney market last month for the island trade. Mr. Larke regrets that the company formed for the purpose of placing Canadian furniture on the Australian market has gone into liquidation, but he reports that the manager is making arrangements to carry on the business. Mr. Larke adds that some Australians who left to settle in Canada have returned, and others are writing to demand, condemning Canada, and advising Australians not to move. Their chief ground is the coldness of the winter.

SCALDED TO DEATH.

Locomotive Derailed on Line to Penetang.

A despatch from Barrie says:—A Grand Trunk locomotive and snow plow were derailed at Colwell, on the Penetang branch on Wednesday morning, and as the result of the bursting of the steam gauge, Engineer John Glassford and Fireman James Patton, both of Allandale, were horribly scalded. The injured men were brought to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie, on a special train, and Glassford died during the afternoon. Patton lingered till nine o'clock at night, when death ended his sufferings. Engineer Glassford was one of the most trusted engineers on the road, and had been in the employ of the G.T.R. for many years. He leaves a widow and family. Patton was 22 years of age and unmarried.

C. P. R. LAND SALES.

A Big Falling Off in November This Year.

A despatch from Montreal says:—A report received at the C. P. R. headquarters from its land commissioner, Mr. Griffin, at Winnipeg, shows the receipts for land sales in the Territories and Manitoba during November. The falling off in the total receipts was close to \$500,000. In November, 1903, they amounted to \$127,980, while the same month last year they totalled \$598,787, a decrease of \$470,807. The decreases were as follows:—In Manitoba, 7,750 acres, or \$28,930; in Assiniboia, a decrease of 84,778 acres, or \$161,142; in Saskatchewan, a decrease of 36,368 acres and \$139,924, and in Alberta, a loss of 39,952 acres and \$141,047. The falling off is ascribed in part to the decreased demand by American settlers.

RAILROAD CASUALTIES.

Terrible Total in the State of Pennsylvania.

A despatch from Harrisburg, Pa., says:—The annual report of Major Brown, Secretary of the Department of Internal Affairs, says the casualties among steam railway employees in Pennsylvania for the year were 15,383. The combined figures for the steam and street railways show a greater number of casualties during the year "than occurred in the United army in any one of the great battles of the civil war." There were 255 fatal and 3,059 non-fatal accidents on street railways.

SIXTY-THREE KILLED.

Passenger Coaches Wrecked on Baltimore and Ohio.

A Connelville, Penn., despatch says:—With a terrible crash and a grinding noise, the Duquesne Limited, the fastest through passenger train from Pittsburgh to New York, on the Baltimore and Ohio, plunged into a pile of lumber at Laurel Run, two miles west of Dawson, at 7.45 o'clock on Wednesday evening, and sixty-three lives were lost, and thirty persons were injured. The train left Pittsburgh Wednesday evening, running a few minutes late, in charge of Engineer William Thornley, of Connelville. When passing Laurel Run, which is a particularly fine piece of roadbed the train was running at a high rate of speed. Suddenly the passengers were hurled from their seats by the lightning-like application of the air brakes, and a moment later there was a terrible crash.

The train was made up of two baggage cars, two day coaches, one sleeper and one dining car, and was carrying at the time the lowest estimate 150 passengers. The train plowed along for a considerable distance, and the cars were torn to pieces, passengers jumping screaming from the wreck as it tore along. Suddenly the engine swerved to the right, and the coaches plunged down over the embankment to the edge of the Youghiogheny River. The minute the cars stopped rolling, there was a wild scene. Many persons were pinned beneath the wreckage, and the screams and cries of the bodies, and the groans of their mad excitement, and others plunged into the river. Others, pinned beneath the heavy timbers, pleaded in agonized tones for release. So terrifying was the force of the wreck that nearly every passenger suffered a moment's unconsciousness and many of the able-bodied men were unable to assist the injured from the wreck.

CONSUMPTION OF SPIRITS.

Quantity Used in Canada Is On the Increase.

An Ottawa despatch says:—The consumption of spirits in Canada is on the increase, while the use of malt liquors is falling off. That is the unmistakable evidence derived from comparison of the inland revenue returns for the fiscal year ending June 30th last with those for the same period of the year previous. In 1902 there were 27,623,767 gallons of malt liquor manufactured. For the last fiscal year the quantity manufactured was 25,755,154 gallons, or a falling off of 1,868,617 gallons. In the fiscal year 1901-02 the quantity of spirits entered for consumption was 2,933,205 gallons of the value of \$5,613,320. During the last fiscal year, 3,207,748 gallons of the value of \$6,138,275 were entered for consumption, being an increase of 274,543 gallons in quantity and \$544,950 in value. A larger consumption of spirits than of malt liquors is not a healthful indication. To put the figures in another way: In 1902 there was per capita consumption was as follows:—Spirits, 796 gallons; tobacco, 2,404 pounds. In 1903 the per capita consumption was:—Spirits, 870 gallons; beer, 4,712 gallons; wine, 996 gallons; tobacco, 2,548 pounds. In 1902 the revenue per head was:—Spirits, \$1,653; beer, \$2,214; wine, \$1,048; tobacco, \$915. Last year the per capita revenue was:—Spirits, \$1,812; beer, \$2,205; wine, \$1,051; tobacco, \$992. The number of cigars taken for consumption in the last fiscal year was 151,780,516, as against 141,096,889 for the year previous. There were 22,677,802 pounds of tobacco consumed in the last fiscal year, compared with 21,543,301 in the preceding year.

SEALS FOR LAKE SUPERIOR.

Attempt to be Made to Propagate Them.

A Marquette, Mich., despatch says:—Preliminary steps for the formation of the "Lake Superior Seal Propagation Society" have been taken at Ashland, the object being to stock Lake Superior with fur-bearing seals. The principals of the organization are Seben Malroff, a Russian, with thirty years' experience as a sealer; ex-Lieut. Governor Elfield of Wisconsin, and J. E. Kelly, of Rhineland. It is estimated that ten male and forty female seals in the lake will increase to 1,000 in twenty years. The Apostle Islands, together with Isle Royale and the rocky shores of Lake Superior, would, it is believed, be ideal breeding places.

CRUSHED BY ELEVATOR.

Italian Lad Loses Life in Hotel at Capital.

Ottawa despatch says:—Pelix Parozzi, a 18-year-old Italian, has been acting as elevator boy at the Hotel for two months past, met with a shocking death on Sunday morning. He was endeavoring to board the elevator as it was running down, and missing his footing fell, with the result that his head was crushed between the landing and the top of the car. Death was almost instantaneous. The young man was a Lombard by birth, his father being an Italian and his mother Irish.

BARKEEPERS MUST GO.

No Room For Them in Ohio Odd-fellows' Lodge.

A Springfield, Ohio, despatch says:—Grand Master Charles C. Pavey of the Ohio Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-fellows has issued a circular to the effect that on January 1, 1904, all saloonkeepers, bartenders and professional gamblers shall either quit the order or these occupations.

THE ANALYSIS OF SEEDS.

THE CHIEF WEEDS IN CLOVER AND TIMOTHY.

Interesting Particulars by the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

The spread of noxious weeds can be attributed to no single cause. They seem to be naturally adapted to rapid spreading, and besides there are various natural and artificial agencies which aid in their dissemination. Not the least important among these agencies is the seed in grain trade. Almost every farmer purchases yearly seed of grain, or grasses and clovers with little thought of introducing weed seeds in this way. As a matter of fact, however, he seldom gets seed perfectly free from weed seeds of some kind. Occasionally these are not particularly injurious, but not frequently they are most undesirable, and, being introduced unconsciously, gain a strong foothold before their presence is suspected. In this connection some particulars of the analysis of seeds from the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa should be of interest as they show to what extent these conditions prevail.

Of over two hundred samples of Timothy analyzed during 1903 only four had no weed seeds in them; in the others over thirty different kinds of weed seeds were represented. Of these Cinquefoil, Peppergass, Sheep Sorrel, Ribgrass, False Flax, Lamb's-quarters, Canada Thistle and White Cockle were most commonly present, often at the rate of several thousand per pound. In red clover and alsike, of each of which there were several hundred samples analyzed, there were upwards of forty species of weed seeds, those being commonest whose size approximated that of the clover seed. Thus in red clover were commonly found curled dock, Canada thistle, white cockle and ribgrass; while in alsike, false flax, white cockle, sheep sorrel, cinquefoil and black Medick were prevalent.

THE PRIMARY CAUSE.

For this prevailing condition is no doubt the growth of weeds with the crop for seed, and the tendency of farmers to buy improperly cleaned seeds because they are cheaper than, and to a casual examiner, equally as good as dealer grades. It is usually safe to regard cheap seed as of inferior quality and on this account to avoid buying it.

Dodder was present in twelve samples of red clover at an average rate of 418 seeds per pound; this is considerably more than was the case a year ago and was no doubt due to more seed being imported from the south where this parasite thrives much better than here. The analysis of several samples obtained from Chili showed that dodder is a very common impurity in seed from that country, one sample having upwards of seven hundred seeds per pound and others somewhat less. There is no probability of Canada ever having an import seed from Chili, but both countries have a common market for their surplus supply, the presence of this impurity in the Chilean seed should afford the Canadian producer a considerable advantage. Were it not for this circumstance the Chilean red clover seed would prove a dangerous competitor, as it is well colored, plump and of high vitality, and with few other objectionable impurities.

Several samples of exported Canadian alsike and red clover were obtained from English seed merchants. All these showed a uniform quality, none of them free from weed seeds, but had apparently been well cleaned as there was a notable absence of such impurities as light seeds, chaff, or weed seeds either larger or smaller than the bulk of the sample. Small numbers of cockle, black Medick and false flax still remained in the chaff, and of fox tail and ribgrass in the red clover. The germination was uniformly over ninety per cent. The average quality was therefore considerably better than that of the seeds retailed in our own markets. It should always be remembered, however, by buyers that while the average quality of our seeds may be high, the highest quality is always offered for sale, and this quality is in the end the most profitable.

DARING BANK ROBBERY.

Desperate Battle in Indian Territory.

A despatch from South McAllister, Ind. Ter., says:—A bold bank robbery, attended by a desperate battle between a posse of citizens and robbers, occurred at Kiowa on Saturday. The robbers secured over \$28,000 which was in the bank.

The men gained entrance to the bank building through a rear window. The first charge of nitroglycerine made no impression on the safe, but the noise aroused residents of the town, and a posse consisting of 50 men gathered at the rear of the bank. A volley was fired at the robbers, and the posse, aided by the sound of the robbers' retreat, entered the building from the front and back doors. The robbers continued their effort to open the safe. It required three charges to force the door. The third explosion was terrific, and almost completely demolished the safe as well as the interior of the bank. Four men were blown in shreds, large quantities of mutilated bills being left by the bandits. After looting the safe the robbers left the building from the front and backed into the darkness, keeping up a fire on the posse. It is said one of the robbers was injured. It is believed they secured only a small amount of money, most of the bills having been destroyed by the explosion.

FATAL EXPLOSION.

One Man Killed and Four Scalded at London.

A London despatch says:—Two of the hot water furnaces at Wolsey Barracks exploded shortly after midnight on Sunday morning, causing the death of Mess Sergeant Jas. Burnett, the probable fatal injury of Pte. Thomas Worswick, and the very serious injury of Pte. Walter Worswick and Quartermaster-Sergeant Dunlevy. The furnaces were those used to provide heat for the officers' quarters, and they had not been giving satisfaction, in fact a plumber had been engaged upon them but an hour previously, and had left in the belief that all was secure. It is believed that the pipes had somewhere become clogged, and as the night was a very cold one, with a blizzard raging without, the furnaces were kept going full blast. As a result, the blocked furnaces made steam.

The four men were in the furnace room examining the furnaces, owing to a peculiar rumbling noise which the furnaces were making, and were about to leave for the night, when the explosion of one of the furnaces took place. Burnett was pinned beneath the boiler momentarily, and was frightfully scalded. The skin peeled from his body in patches a foot square, and, besides, he inhaled the deadly steam. The latter was the direct cause of his death, which occurred at Victoria Hospital six hours later. Thos. Worswick also inhaled the steam, and is not expected to recover. Walter Worswick's case is more hopeful.

TWENTY-TWO KILLED.

Terrible Accident on the Pere Marquette Railroad.

A Grand Rapids, Mich., despatch says:—The death list resulting from the head-on collision between two Pere Marquette Railroad passenger trains near East Paris on Saturday night stands at twenty-two, with twenty-nine persons injured, several of them probably fatally.

It was the most disastrous wreck in the history of the Pere Marquette system, and instead of being caused by a man's carelessness or mistake, is charged to the high wind, which extinguished the red signal light in the order board at McCord's Station, where the westbound train was expected to stop and receive new orders. Two minutes before the train rushed by McCord's the light was burning, says the operator there but in that brief interval the blizzard that was raging extinguished it, and train No. 5 flashed by the station to crash into east-bound train No. 6, near East Paris. The trains, which were two of the finest on the system, were reduced to a promiscuous pile of broken and crushed timber and metal, with dead and injured pinned down and crushed by the fragments of the heavy cars.

HUGE RAILWAY MILEAGE.

Will Be 209,855 Miles in United States January 1.

A Chicago despatch says:—According to the Railway Age the total railway mileage of the United States Jan. 1, 1904, will be 209,855 miles, the present year having added 5,723.45 miles. This mileage is considerably greater than that shown by Poor's Manual, and probably is nearer correct, as it takes into account all of the new track laid up to the last day of the year. Compared with 1902 the present year is about on a parity in matter of railway construction. The construction reported was done on 380 lines and in 39 States and Territories, including Alaska. Early in the year it was shown that there were 8,600 miles of railroad under construction, but labor troubles and financial difficulties caused some of the work to be abandoned.

NEW SMELTING PROCESS.

Government Appoints Experts to Investigate.

An Ottawa despatch says:—The Government has appointed a commission to go to Europe to inspect the various plants that use the thermo-electric process for the smelting of iron ores and the making of steel. The commission consists of Dr. Haanel, Superintendent of Mines, and Mr. C. E. Brown, assistant and works engineer for the Canadian General Electric Co., Peterborough. A steel expert and a draughtsman will be added to the commission, but they will be selected in Europe. There are five establishments in Europe where pig-iron and steel are commercially produced by electricity.

RUSSIA MUST ANSWER.

The Time Limit Expires on January 7th.

A London despatch says:—The Kobe correspondent of the Daily Mail says that the time set by Japan for a reply to her last note to Russia was a fortnight, and that the limit expires on Jan. 7.

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Sydney, New South Wales, says that Japan is ordering large quantities of pig lead in that colony, to be shipped in January. It is presumed that the metal is to be used for making bullets.

SMALLPOX IN BUFFALO.

Six Cases Discovered in a Dance Hall.

A Buffalo, N. Y., despatch says:—Nine persons suffering from smallpox were taken to the Quarantine Hospital on Friday. Six of the cases were discovered at a dance hall in Broadway, where a large number of the sick were exposed to infection. The health authorities are working hard to stamp out the disease. Two buildings have been quarantined and placed under a police guard.

TICKS FROM THE WIRE.

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

Telegraphic Briefs From Our Own and Other Countries of CANADA.

Henry Mullen was sentenced to six months in jail at Hamilton for forgery.

The Nova Scotia Steel Company will purchase extensive iron deposits in Cuba.

Mr. Alex. McPherson of Hamilton was run down by a street car and killed on Saturday.

Ontario Town Council passed a by-law granting a franchise to the Hamilton Roadway Railway.

All hope of getting the steamer Monarch out of the ice near Sault Ste. Marie this winter has been abandoned.

The members of the Grand Trunk Pacific survey camp on Lake Nepigon now appear to be well and are suffering with hunger for nine days.

While Sir Frederick Borden was in England Mr. Arnold Forster, Secretary of State for War, suggested that a regiment of Canadians be sent to India to get the benefit of a military training there.

GREAT BRITAIN.

American capital it is said will within a year set every mine working in Cornwall, Eng.

All the important London police stations will at last be connected with one another, and with the new Scotland Yard.

Rails for London trains are being ordered from British firms, although Belgium gave the lowest tender. Another gain for Chamberlain.

It now appears that England's accepted offer of \$9,375,000 for the two war vessels built for the Chilean Government was just \$375,000 larger than Russia's offer.

A London curio shop proprietor has just sold for \$125 what has since been proven to be the casket presented 350 years ago by Henry II., King of France, to his favorite Diana of Poitiers. It is said to be worth \$25,000.

UNITED STATES.

One hundred and twenty-five boats have tied up for the winter at Detroit.

Steps are being taken to form a washerwomen's union in St. Louis, Mo., and district.

It is officially announced that the British Government has recognized the republic of Panama.

Cattle breaking through into a neighbor's field caused a gun fight at Ardmore, Ill., in which John Scott and Sam Victory were killed.

The Grand Jury at Chicago has voted nine indictments against members of the street car men's union, on charges of riot, conspiracy, malicious mischief and unlawful assembly.

Much excitement has been caused by reports of the discovery of beds of pure anthracite coal beyond the limits of the southern boundary of the hard coal region in Pennsylvania.

The other day Samuel Turner was killed on the railroad track at Port Morris, N. J., at the same place and in the same manner in which his father and grandfather met their death, one in 1893 and the other in 1883.

Menominee, Mich., lumber mill manufactured last year 268,000,000 feet of lumber, 148,000,000 shingles and 55,000,000 lath. Two mills have been dismantled owing to the disappearance of pine in Northern Michigan.

GENERAL.

Giuseppe Zanardelli, former Premier of Italy, is dead.

Chinese coolies have looted and burned buildings of the Canton-Hankow railway.

It is said at Johannesburg that the Transvaal will be unable to take up its share of the war loan in February.

An arbitration treaty between France and Italy, along the lines of that between Britain and France, was signed at Paris.

The Japanese correspondent of The Times says the Japanese preparations for war are probably the most complete and detailed the world has ever seen.

Ibsen, the Norwegian dramatist, has as aphasia—inability to use the right words in conversation. Whose he wanted a visitor to take a seat he said: "Take a chair."

ALMOST AN EPIDEMIC.

Four Hundred Typhoid Cases in Pittsburgh.

A Pittsburgh, Penn., despatch says:—Typhoid fever is rapidly increasing in this city and threatens to take on the character of an epidemic. For the first 22 days of December there were 410 cases, and during the last 24 hours 49 new cases were reported. This breaks all previous records. The disease is virulent and a large proportion of those taken sick are dying.

TALLEST IN THE WORLD.

Plans for Stupendous Building in New York.

A despatch from New York says:—The tallest building on earth is to be erected on Lower Broadway. If present plans are carried out. With five stories below the level of the street, forty stories higher from the street, the building will have a total of 45 stories, making it over twice as high as the "Flatiron" building, and almost as tall again as the Park Row building. The present plan is to extend one full block on Broadway, and its cost, including the site, will reach \$10,000,000. The land is said to have been secured within one year is promised.

